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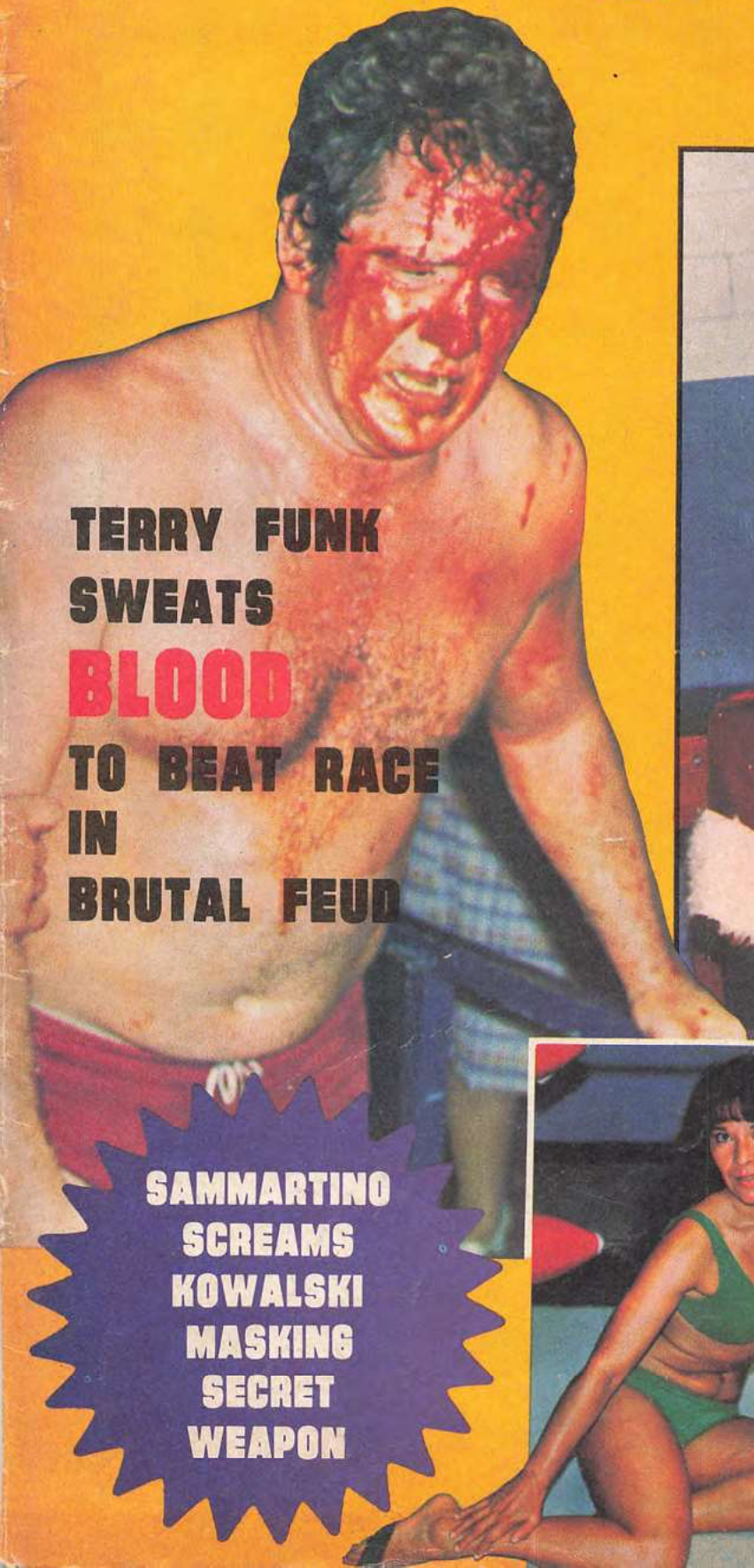

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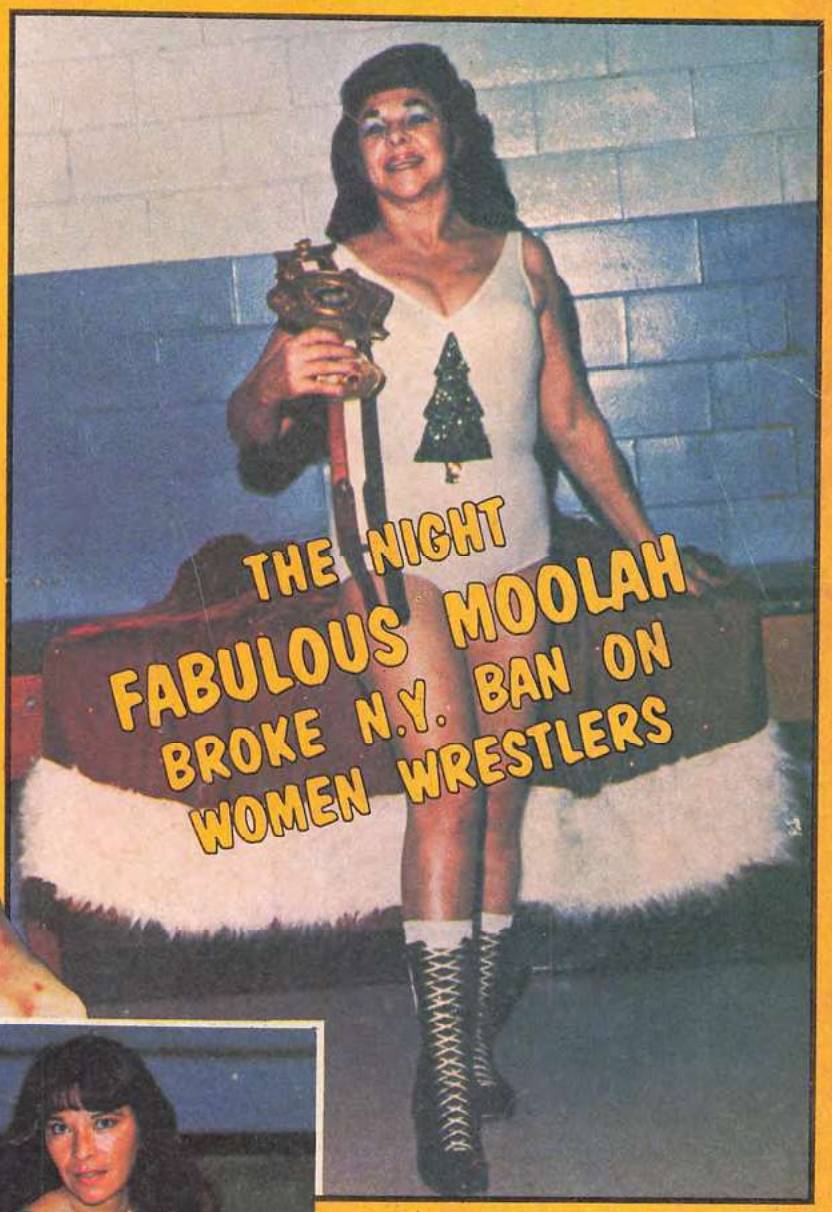

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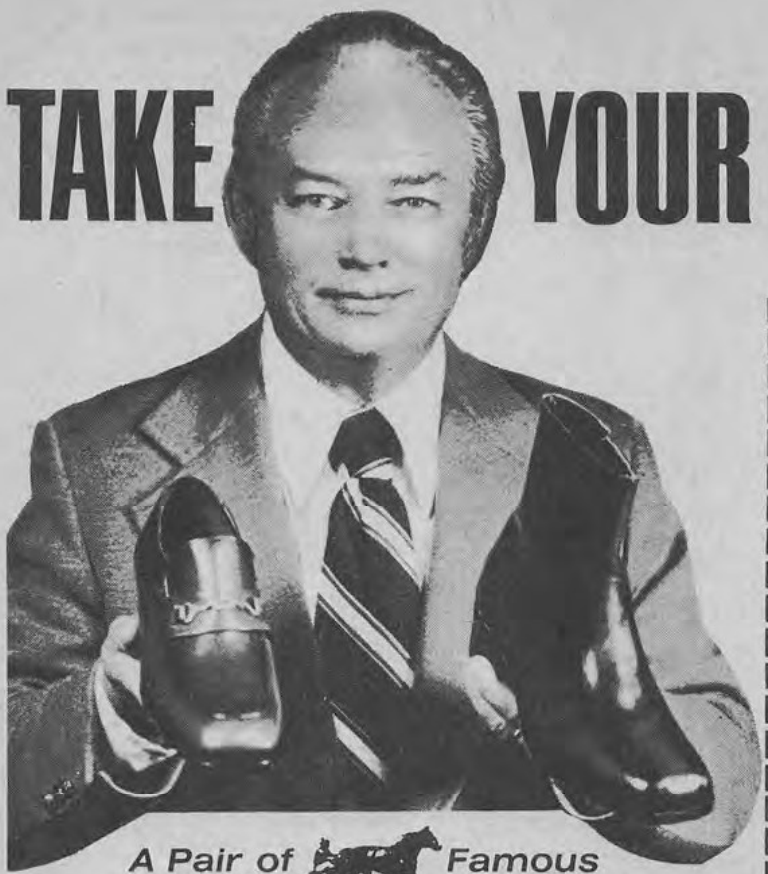

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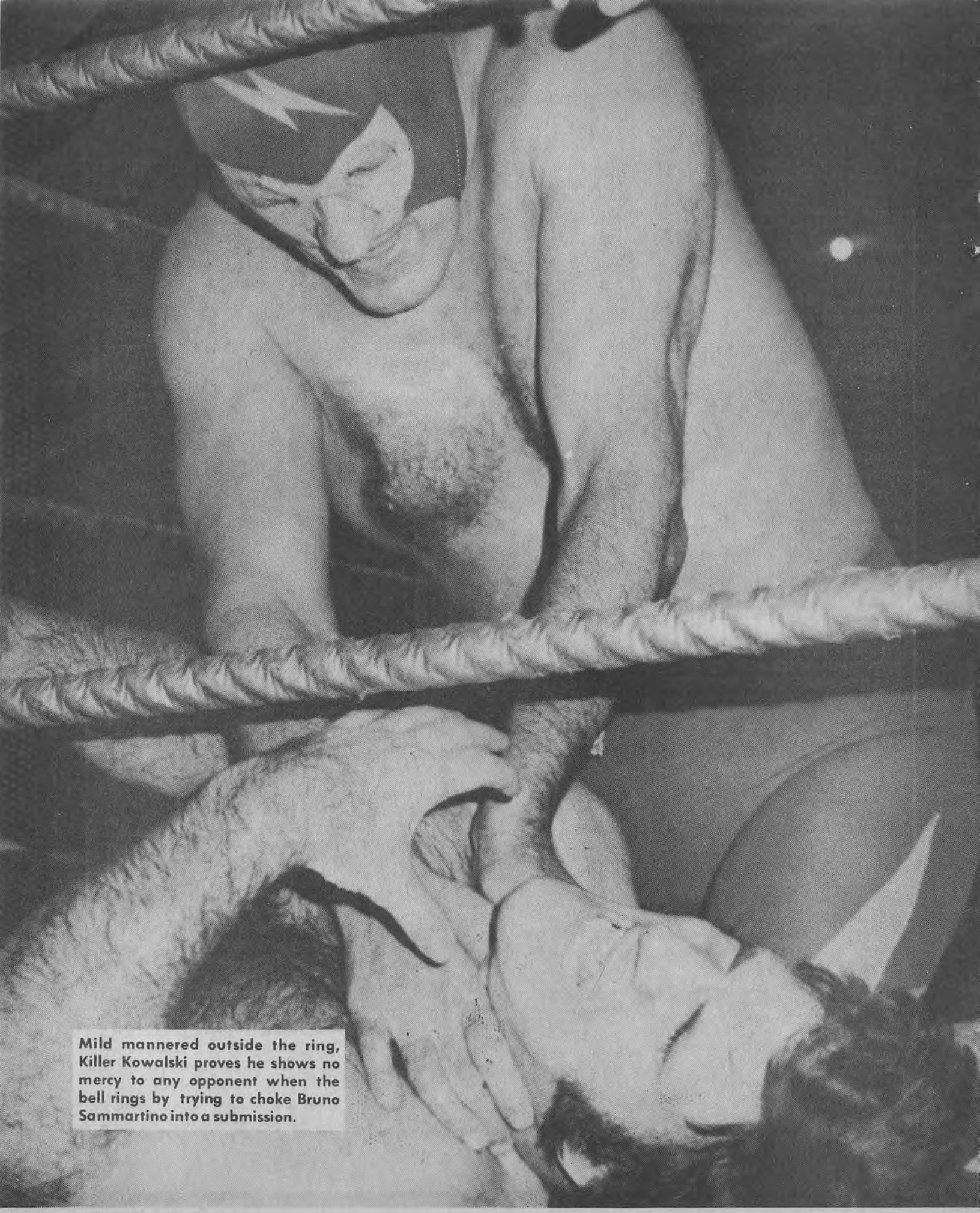
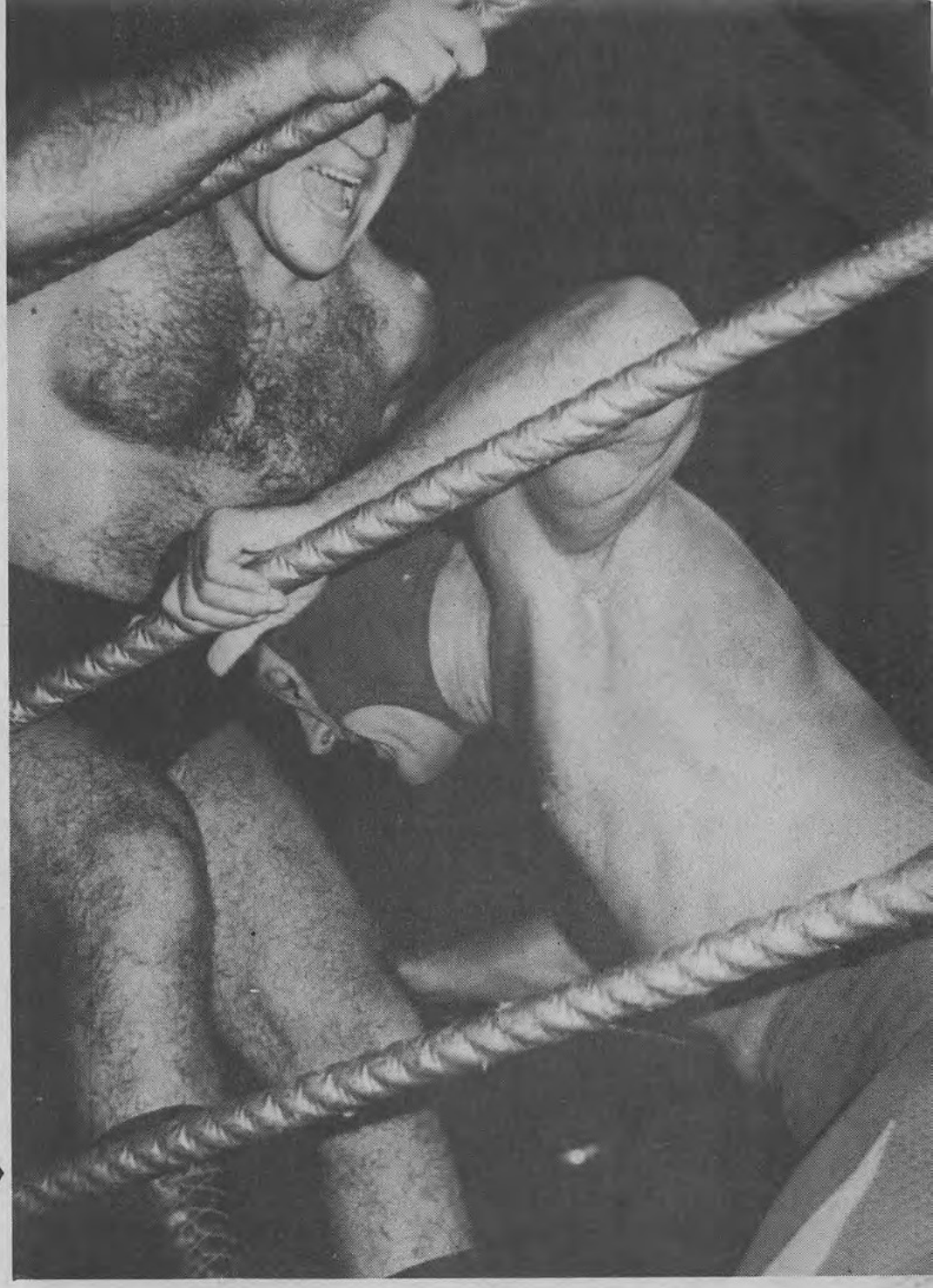


Mild mannered outside the ring, Killer Kowalski proves he shows no mercy to any opponent when the bell rings by trying to choke Bruno Sammartino into a submission.

Killer climbs to the top turnbuckle as he prepares to catch Sammartino with his famous kneedrop which he popularized 20 years ago.



Ignoring all rules, Kowalski catches Sammartino squarely with a head-butt to the stomach and the expression on Bruno's face attests to the force of the maneuver.

SAMMARTINO BOLDLY ACCUSES KOWALSKI OF MASKING SECRET WEAPON

By Frank Amato—

KILLER Kowalski has been wrestling for some 25 years professionally. For nearly all of those years he has been tearing up the ring, his opponents and the rule book. He has spilled the blood of opponents and has had his spilled in the ring too. He has broken bones of opponents and had a few of his own broken as well.

He has caused riots in major cities, being fined and banned in the process. Above all he has kept winning his matches and is still considered one of the all-time great mat stars.

The titles that Killer Kowalski has held through the years are plentiful. Some major ones include: The Americas Championship; Americas Tag Team Championship; Grand Prix Heavyweight Championship; Pacific Coast Heavyweight and Pacific Coast Tag Team Championship; Texas Heavyweight Championship; Texas Tag Team; Rocky Mountain Championship, and two versions of World Championships.

Kowalski could be saying his prayers but don't bet on it. The Killer's left hand is going inside his trunks ---could it be that secret weapon Bruno has been talking about?

Killer explains about the two "World Titles". I had beaten Lou Thesz back in the fifties but because of a technicality the title was given back. Then in 1962 I beat Buddy Rogers in Canada when Rogers broke his leg. I was given the belt but I had to relinquish it because the title could only change hands on a pin or submission."

Feuds have been a major part of pro wrestling for as long as any fan can remember and Kowalski has had his share. In fact Kowalski may be the feudingest wrestler around.

Killer has feuded with just about every major wrestler.

"I really don't consider these feuds. I consider them wars. I never wrestle with a feud in mind. I have an aggressive style. Because of this, wrestlers take offense and want revenge. Being the kind of wrestler never to run away from anyone I take up the challenge. There have been feuds or wars, if you will, with Whipper Billy Watson, Don Leo Jonathan, Johnny Valentine, Lou Thesz, Pat O'Connor, Verne Gagne, Gene Kiniski, Bulldog Brower, Mad Dog Vachon, Edouard Carpentier, Bobo Brazil and not least of all, Buddy Rogers and Bruno Sammartino. I'd say that is quite a list."

One of Kowalski's earliest feuds was with former great mat star, the late Yukon Eric. Much has been printed about this feud and the incident which made Killer a household name in wrestling.

Of course it is the 'Ear incident' with Yukon Eric. That was when Kowalski tore an ear from Eric's head with his infamous Kneedrop.

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along the side of the head. When I looked around I saw blood and an ear. I have no regrets about that match. Face facts. He took his chances as I did. I won and I won most of our meetings. Yukon Eric was a great wrestler and one of the strongest I've ever faced."

When Wladek Kowalski was a very young man he once studied for the priesthood. He gave that up to enter professional wrestling. Because of his fine physique and being a tall 6' 7", 275 pounds, he used the name Tarzan Kowalski. His first two yeas in wrestling Kowalski tried the clean scientific style. Then he changed his style to rulebreaking. Why?

Kowalski says, "I wanted more money and main events. I was better than the bums I was wrestling. I saw that only top drawing names made the big money and abiding by the rules was getting me nowhere."

Killer Kowalski is a nonmeateating person. He is a strict vegetarian. He says, "Meat takes away from your body. It puts fat in your body and makes you gain unwanted weight. Do you realize what animals eat? That's not for me."

Personally Killer Kowalski is a quiet individual outside and inside the dressing room. If Kowalski is asked for an autograph he usually will sign. In his dressing room Kowalski stays by himself, immersed in a book until called upon to enter the ring. Once in the ring he becomes the opposite.

Killer explains, "I like my privacy. I don't make friends with wrestlers. After all I could be wrestling any of them the following night or week. How could you beat up a friend? If you did then there goes the friendship."

The fury exploding within him is clearly etched on Kowalski's face as he tries to catch Sammartino with a leg hold.

For the past two years Killer Kowalski has taken to wearing a mask. He still wrestles without the mask in various cities that still ban a mask. Why wear a mask and still be billed as himself? Killer explains.

"I only tried wearing my mask because of opponents grabbing my ears or pulling my hair. I have very sensitive ears. So I thought up the mask when in Canada. It worked very well there and so I decided to keep wearing it. I figured also my name means something in wrestling, so why try to hide my identity?"

The mask has come under strict scrutiny by various state athletic commissions. It seems Killer Kowalski has been accused of placing a foreign object, possibly a metal object in most accounts, into the mask for the sole purpose of head-butting his opponents into defeat.

Says Killer, "Why, this is nonsense. Why would I, the greatest wrestler there is, resort to such

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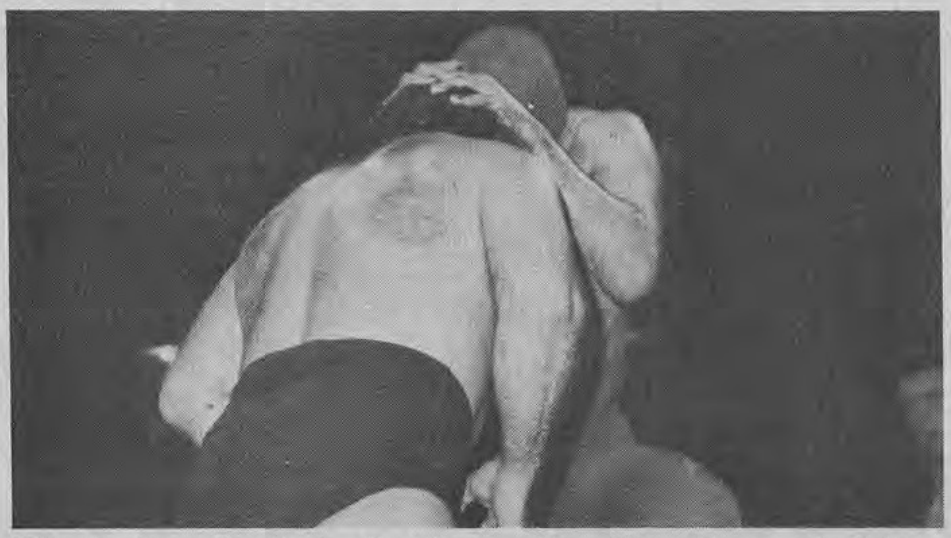

Killer clearly employs the headbutt here, making all ringsiders wonder if there is a weapon inside his mask.

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place an object in his mask? Never! I know fans think I do but I only make a sign on his mask for luck. It is only the luck sign of Allah I place on his forehead. Show me one picture of proof. I dare you."

There are wrestlers who claim otherwise. Such as Bruno Sammartino. Bruno argues, "Killer Kowalski is tough enough without that mask. I've faced him many times when he wore that mask. I've been headbutted by him with the mask being worn. I claim he uses a hidden weapon. Kowalski, with all his talents, doesn't have a hard head by any means. He uses a weapon."

Pedro Morales has this to say, "Believe me, Kowalski uses something in that mask. I have wrestled Killer when he wore and didn't wear the mask. He never uses a headbutt without the mask. With the mask he uses it. The Grand Weasel lies."

Chief Jay Strongbow, another victim of Kowalski's mask, says, "He uses that mask for the purpose of hiding a weapon in it. Once in Maine he caught me with that headbutt and won but I was stunned and couldn't enter the ring in time. He uses that mask to headbutt you in the stomach as well. You can't believe Kowalski and Wizard one bit. That mask is dangerous."

Then there are those who back Kowalski and Wizard, as does Cowboy Bob Duncum. Duncum is Killer's tag partner. He says, "The liars are Sammartino, Morales and Strongbow and all those dumb fans. I team with Kowalski and who should know better? There is nothing inside that mask but Kowalski's head."

Fred Blassie puts it this way, "Those pencil neck geeks are liars. Kowalski needs nothing but his great talent to win. Where is the proof then? Proof means facts and without the facts there is nothing but pure fallacy."

So the big controversy rages on. Killer Kowalski still wears his mask. No state athletic commission has stopped him from wearing the mask where it is allowed. Still the fans and some wrestlers claim Kowalski uses a hidden weapon. The judgement has been reserved for now. So Killer Kowalski keeps wrestling. Wearing the mask or not, Killer Kowalski is a great wrestler and is very unique, to be sure. ●

Kowalski explains to Vince McMahon, Jr., why he wears a mask during a TV interview while his manager, The Grand Wizard, looks on.

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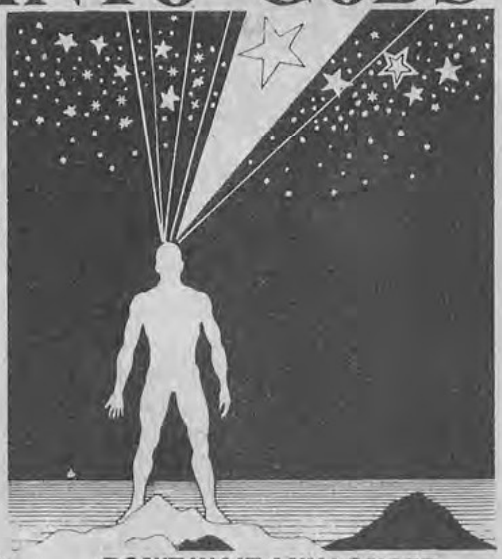

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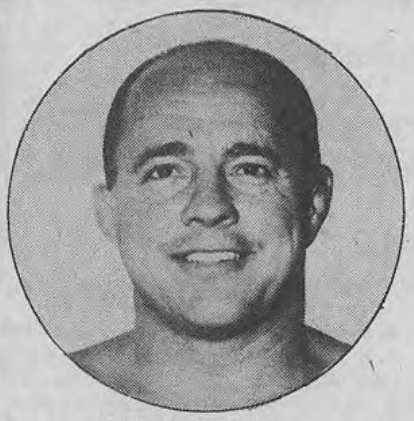

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Champion — Bruno Sammartino

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2. — Spiros Arion
3. — Pedro Morales
4. — Bob Duncum
5. — Killer Kowalski
6. — Tony Garea
7. — Jim Valiant
8. — Andrew the Giant
9. — Larry Zbysco
10. — Dean Ho

THE BEST MIDGET STARS
Champion — Little Beaver

1. — Little Tokyo
2. — Lord Littlebrook
3. — Little Bruiser
4. — Sky Low Low
5. — Haiti Kid
6. — Billy The Kid
7. — Bobo Johnson
8. — Farmer Jerome
9. — Cowboy Lang
10. — Frenchie LaMont

TEN BEST TAG TEAMS
TOP RANKED — The Valiants

1. — Bockwinkle / Stevens
2. — The Legionnaires
3. — Sammartino / Strongbow
4. — Anderson Brothers
5. — Garea / Ho
6. — Crusher / Robinson
7. — Patterson / Johnson
8. — Gordman / Goliath
9. — Von Brauners
10. — Chris Colt / Ron Dupre

THE TOP TEN FEMALE STARS
Champion — Fabulous Moolah

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2. — Dottie Downs
3. — Joyce Grable
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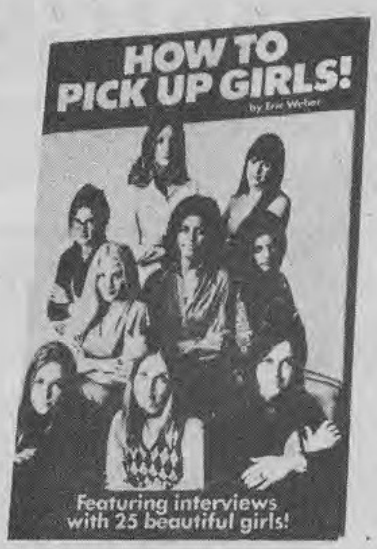

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By Allan Bolte

THE PROFESSIONAL UNDECIDED WHETH NEW STAR IS HERO

ONE of the roughest, most controversial wrestlers presently racking up victory after victory in wrestling arenas throughout the United States is The Masked Professional, a stocky, muscular grappler who seemingly never has heard of a rule and proves it when he enters the ring.

Standing 5 feet 11 inches tall and wighing 238 pounds, The Professional isn't alone whenever he appears for a match — rather, he is constantly accompanied by his manager, Sir Reilly, on whom all eyes must be kept at all times.

This Professional truly is something else. He remains a mystery and promoters and other topnotch wrestlers haven't the vaguest idea as to just who is underneath the hood. One thing is for certain, he is undefeated since he first invaded this country and he insists he'll win the United States Heavyweight Championship and then climb the ladder of success to grab the World's Heavyweight Championship.

WRESTLING GUIDE recently went into the plush, modern home of The Professional and spent an interesting, yet strange afternoon with him and his manager. Trying to find out some personal information on the man was more than difficult.

"The readers of WRESTLING GUIDE magazine are interested in finding out a little bit about you, and if you could give us some information, such as where you were born, how far did you go in school, how did you turn towards professional wrestling etc., it would be appreciated," we asked.

"Listen, all those questions are very irrelevant to my existence and the information you apparently are trying to seek isn't any of your damned business," The Professional snapped. "If I want to tell you anything about my identity or personal self, I will. You let me do the talking.,,

It's obvious the masked one is making dollars with each victory he scores in the ring. He is appearing in main event matches all across the country and presently is

If you are looking for a clue to The Professional's real identity, remember Sir Reilly talks about the 238-pounder's days as an expert motorcyclist.

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rated among the top 20 wrestlers. He insisted that by the time this magazine is on he newsstands, he'll be among the top five challengers.

"Let me point out a few facts for your information before Sir Reilly takes over the conversation," The Professional insisted. "Nobody knows who I am, where I am from, or whether or not I have ever wrestled with or without a mask before — and nobody will ever know. All they know is that I am damned good, undefeated, and that nobody can defeat me. The only other thing anyone knows, particularly the promoters, is that I appear only in main events, only against capable challengers and that I am good box office — all box offices. Everyone pays to see me because they know that I am such a great wrestler.

"They pay to see me because some of the fans actually wish I'd get beaten in the ring because they are so jealous of my body, success and ability. It's too bad they never see me defeated, though. That's okay; so long as they continue shelling out lots of dollars when I'm on the card, I'm happy. I love crippling people and getting rich at the same time."

When in the ring, The Masked Professional storms down the aisles with his manager, who is strutting either in front or behind him. The Professional generally has a red mask with green tights and a green entrance jacket — the finest, most expensive material which only he deserves, he stated.

His manager generally has a well-tailored suit on with sunglasses and a small briefcase, the briefcase which has brought about much discussion. Many of the wrestlers who have challenged The Professional insist that Sir Reilly has some lead or hard steel in the briefcase and that whenever he gets the chance, that is, whenever the referee isn't watching, he clobbers the opponent over the head with the briefcase and he is out for the night.

"Now, that is a damned lie," Reilly shouted. "That's a damned lie, I say. Why the hell would I do a stupid thing like that? That's illegal and we don't have to do anything illegal to win our matches. After all, I could get The Professional disqualified so that he would lose his match if I used my briefcase. I don't want to do anything to upset his winning streak that would ruin his chance at the belt.

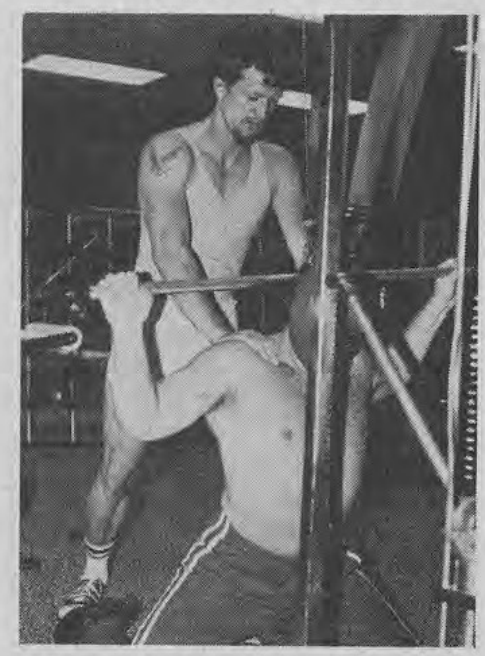
There's an old story about music soothing the savage beast and it apparently works for The Professional since Sir Reilly is a talented musician.

"For your information," Reilly continued, "there are several important things in my briefcase that I need when I'm ringside managing The Professional's match. I have smelling salts there in case the Professional's foe gets knocked out. Sure, there is a doctor at ringside but they can't always be trusted. This shows what a good sport I am. The briefcase is for the advantage of our opponent, not for us. There are important papers there that I want with me at all times.

"And, another reason why I always take it with me to ringside is because it is a good luck charm to me. It really is. After all, the Professional has won every match, hasn't he? I had the briefcase with me, didn't I? This good luck charm goes back several years and no one can take it away from me."

Many ringsiders and wrestlers insist that Sir Reilly should not be allowed at ringside during The Professional's matches. However, there actually is little that can be done about him.

Promoter Vince McMahon in New York recently stated: "The Professional is a rough, sadistic wrestler and Sir Reilly legally is his manager. Reilly has a license for a manager and because he has this valid license, no one can stop him from accompanying The Professional at ringside. However, his license specifically stipulates that he is to sit on a chair at ringside. Sure, he can help out The Professional and tell him what to do, however by no means is he to make any interferences in the ring.



Lifting a variety of weights is no serious problem for The Professional—even when he has another strong man pressing on his shoulders to make the assignment tougher.

"A lot of the wrestlers who have taken The Professional on complain about Reilly. They insist that he sometimes interferes in the match when the referee is too busy to see him. This is possible. However, all I can say about that is that this is the referee's problem, not mine. I have, though, instructed the referee to immediately disqualify The Professional if Reilly does make any physical interferences. Once this has happened, then I would have the legal right to

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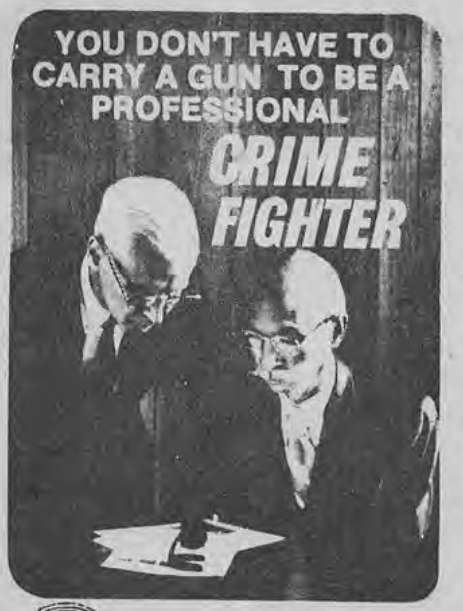

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"Actually, you people at WRESTLING GUIDE should be very fortunate and I hope you feel priviledged that we allowed all the time this afternoon for you to join us. We seldom do this but I mainly wanted to try and kill the rumor that I interfere in The Pro's matches."

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Before the announcer had a chance to introduce the wrestlers, The Professional jumped Bastien when his back was turned and kicked him in the back. He then hit Bastien and threw him out of the ring. While the referee was warning The Pro about his dirty tactics, Reilly was busy outside of the ring putting his boots to Bastien's head, opening up a cut on his forehead.

The masked gladiator then went out after Bastien and worked him over outside of the ring, dishing out more punishment. He then dragged Bastien back into the ring by his red hair and continued working him over. He ripped his eyes, choked him and then began biting, when the referee warned him that if he didn't let up, he would immediately be disqualified.

This gave Bastien a chance for a breather, but not for long. The Pro was into him again and he whipped Red into the ropes and drove his big foot right into the midsection. He then body-slammed Bastien and climbed to the top rope strand and leaped off, landing with all his 238 pounds right across Bastien's chest.

The referee again warned The Professional and while The Pro had the arbiter's attention, Reilly sneaked onto the ring apron and clobbered Bastien with his briefcase! He then left the apron of the ring so that the referee saw nothing and The Professional gave Red a reverse neckbreaker and pinned him, winning the match at 6:34.

It took several security guards to accompany The Pro and Reilly back to their dressing room, but they finally made it.

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FLYING DOWN TO DEL RIO GIVES NEW INSIGHT ON LAURA'S TALENTS

One of the big reasons Laura Del Rio reigns as one of professional wrestling's most talented and glamourous performers is her dedication to getting eight hours sleep every night and then rising early for her daily workouts at Mildred Burke's gym in Reseda, Calif.

Laura's early morning light breakfast includes reading all the latest news in the Los Angeles Times with particular attention given to the latest happenings in the world of sports.

Too many wrestling fans in North America think the life of a super star is big, big money and short, short hours. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Just to prove our point, WRESTLING GUIDE assigned a staff photographer to spend a day with Laura Del Rio, one of Southern California's top box office attractions.

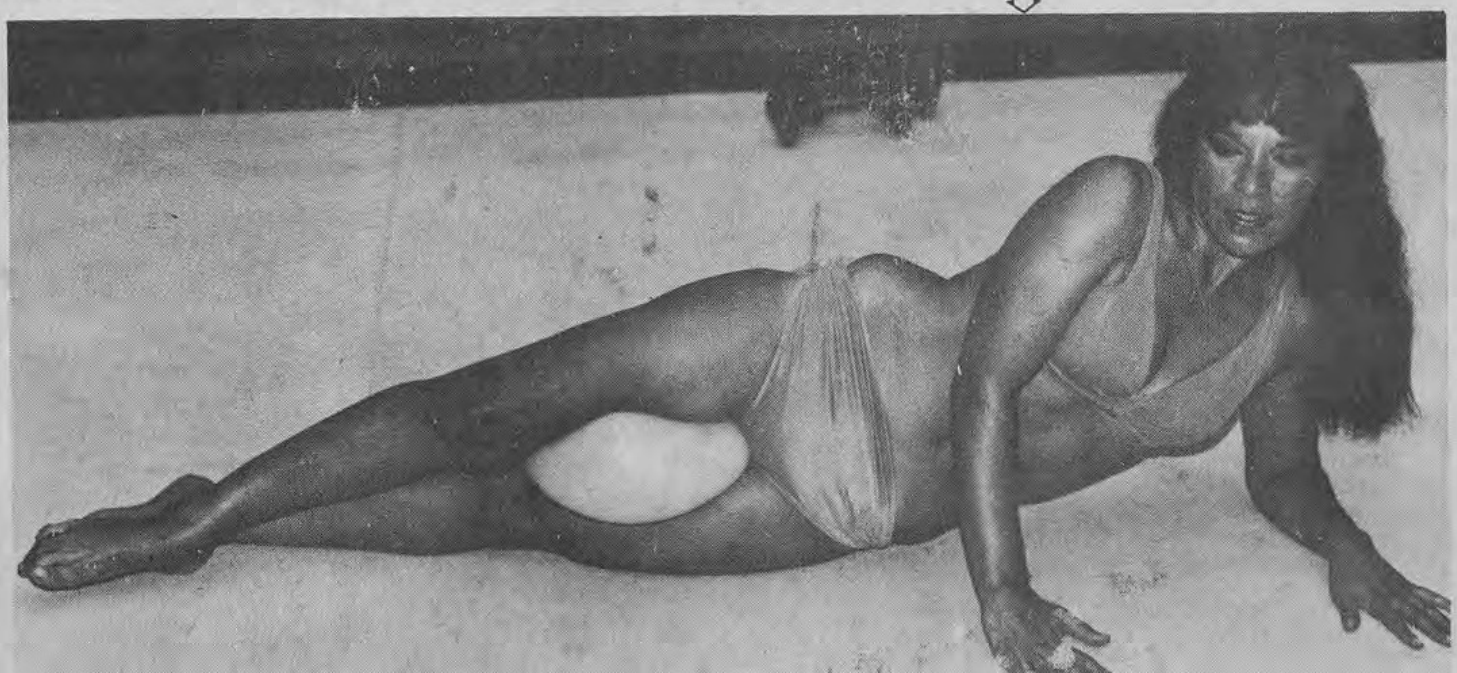
Fortunately, he was able to catch Miss Del Rio between mat assignments but his pictorial report proves without question that once a wrestler — male or female — is a established big name, getting there is only half the battle.

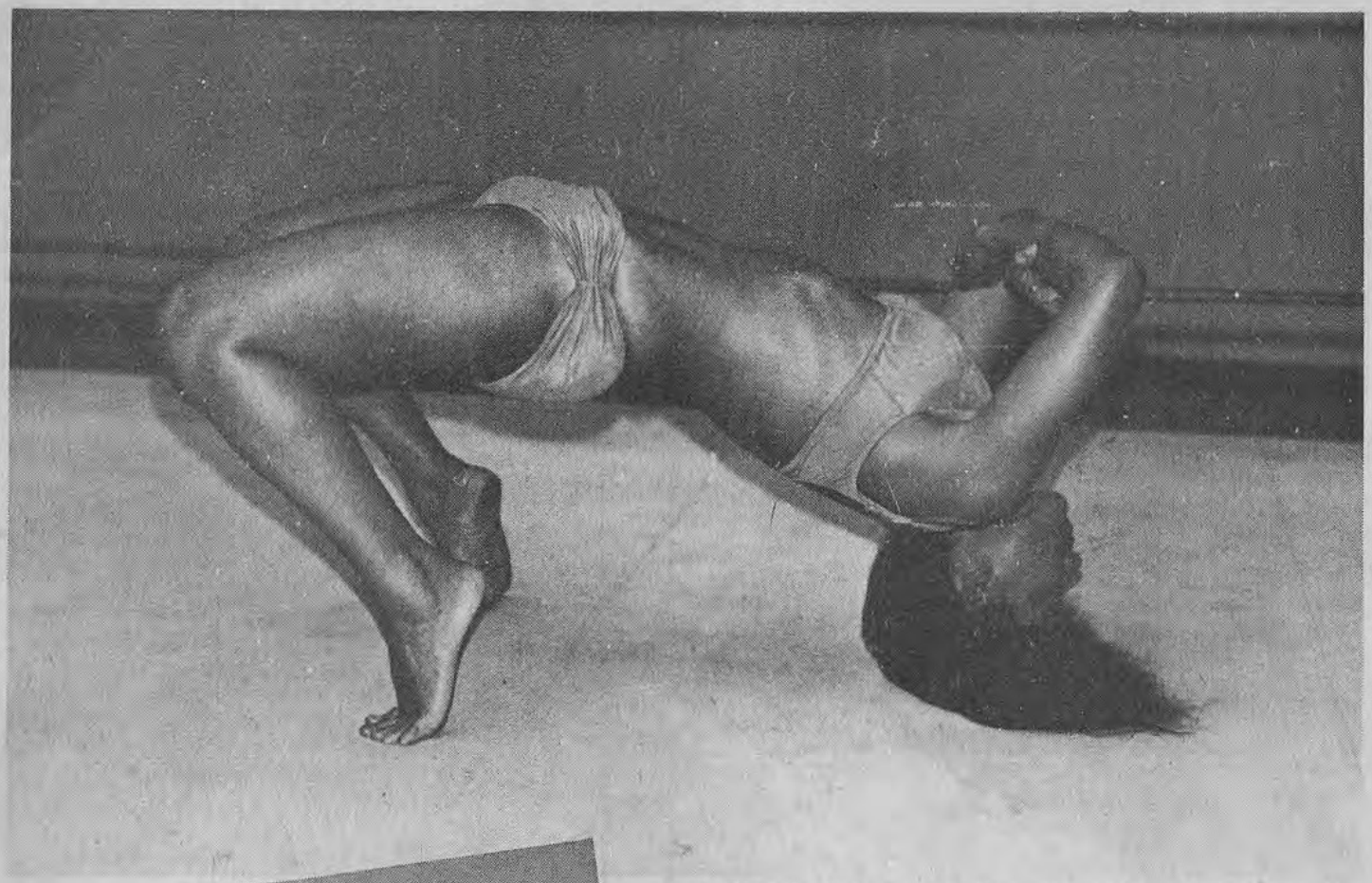
Work, work and more work is the keynote for success in any sport or, for that matter, any other worthwhile endeavour in life, and in the case of Laura Del Rio it is truly a case of glamour is as glamour does....

Laura finds swinging from the top turnbuckle of the ring an excellent way to toughen the neck, stomach and back muscles but if you aren't in top flight condition there's only one thought—forget it.

The lovely Latin star knows what it is like to drive on the Los Angeles freeways and she cautiously looks both ways for oncoming traffic as she arrives at the gym of the retired undefeated world's woman wrestling champion.

Miss Del Rio finds squeezing balloons one of the best ways to tone the thigh muscles but the ordinary citizen would do well to remember to get a sturdy balloon.





The bridging exercise not only strengthens the neck but Laura learned early in her career that the maneuver can also get a girl out of a tight spot during an actual match.

Mildred Burke's protege has been acknowledged by ringsiders as having the sexiest biceps in wrestling and she keeps them that way by exercising daily with "dumbell" weights.

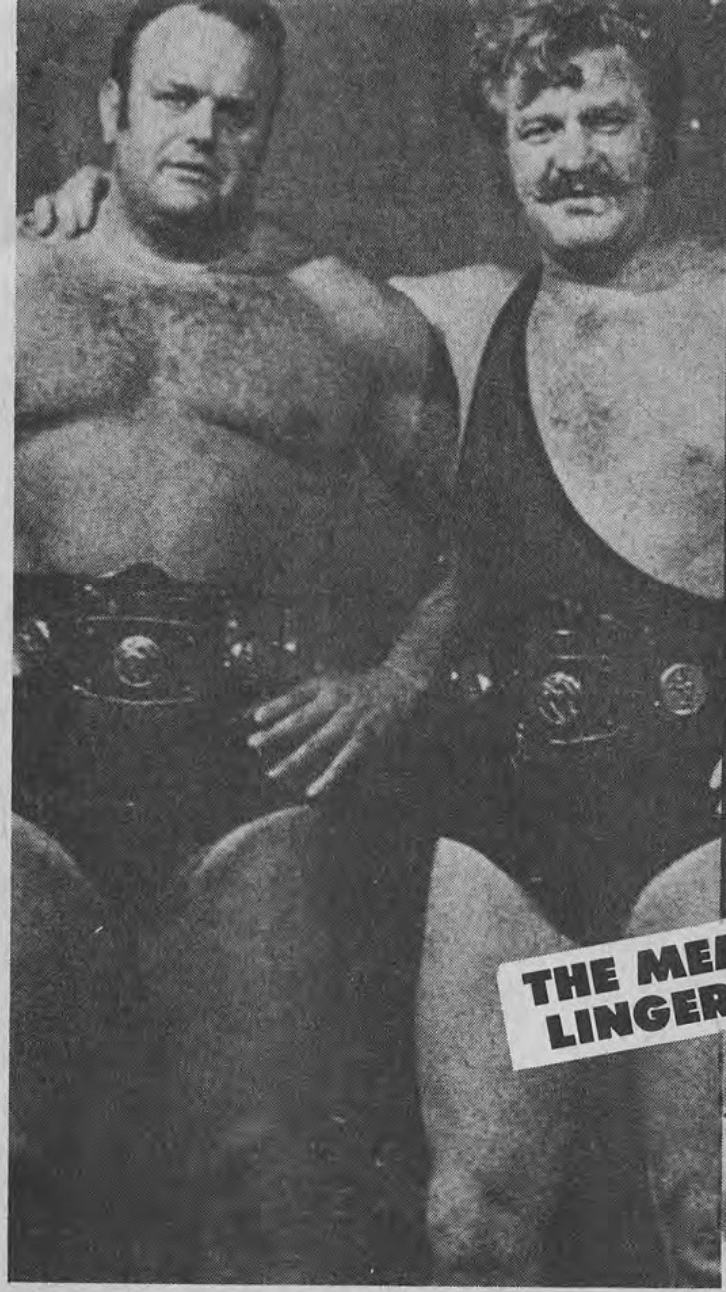
With her daily dozen behind her, Laura prepares to head for home in her sleek silver Pontiac Trans-Am and spend the rest of the day relaxing and no doubt thinking about future mat assignments.

Laura Del Rio typifies the casual living in Southern California as she relaxes at poolside while basking in the sun at her posh apartment complex.

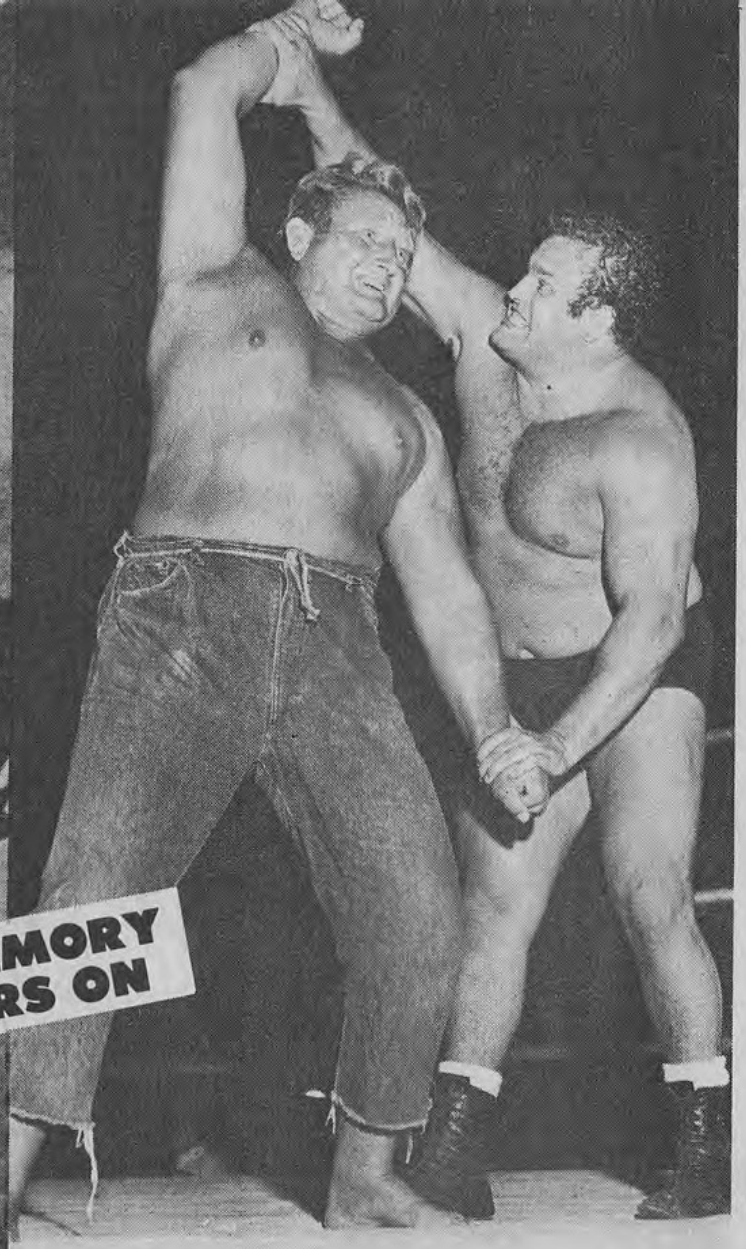
One of her hobbies is watching her favorite television stars and there is no question Laura is a picture of contentment with a fruit drink in her hand.

Preparing to settle down for the night, this glamour gal doesn't want to deviate from her schedule because Laura Del Rio knows tomorrow will be just like today—another strenuous workout in Mildred Burke's gym.

A last minute caller momentarily interrupts Laura's preparation for bed but this young lady is never too busy to talk wrestling—if that happens to be the subject.



This was the last picture taken of Hercules Cortez and Red Bastien as reigning A.W.A. tag team champions. Cortez died in a car crash and Bastien was seriously injured en route to a match in Minneapolis in 1971.



Two of wrestling's most ill-starred performers of all time are caught in the heat of the action here as the late Hercules Cortez tries to thwart the powerful arms of the late Yukon Eric, who was a suicide victim in 1963.

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RED BASTIEN WILL NEVER FORGET HIS TITLE DAYS WITH HERCULES CORTEZ

By Jack Welsh

Car Crash Shatters AWA Reign

RED Bastien has been up and he's been down but like the old axiom, up is better. The curly-haired, sometimes mustachiol wrestler has always been a giant figure of popularity wherever he has appeared.

Before matching up with Cortez, Red Bastien teamed up with his own half-brother Lou Klein, and they operated successfully as The Bastiens. The United States Tag Team champions are seen here in a television interview in Detroit.

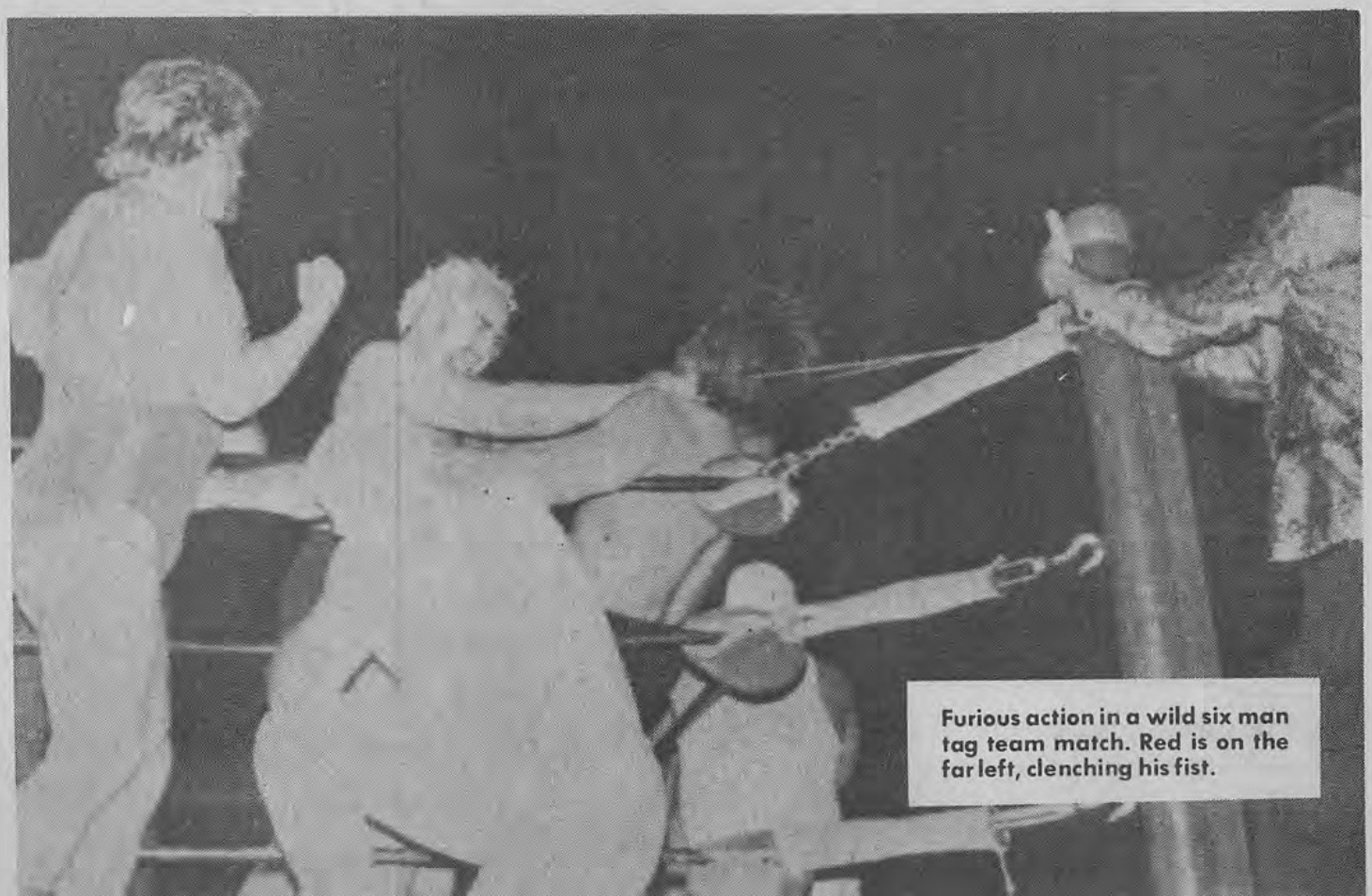
Bastien has known the thrills and excitement that go with a championship but he also has known that tragedy can stalk the high and the mighty as well as the down trodden and the low.

In the fifties, a hard-hitting campaigner came roaring out of Minnesota rolling up victory after victory.

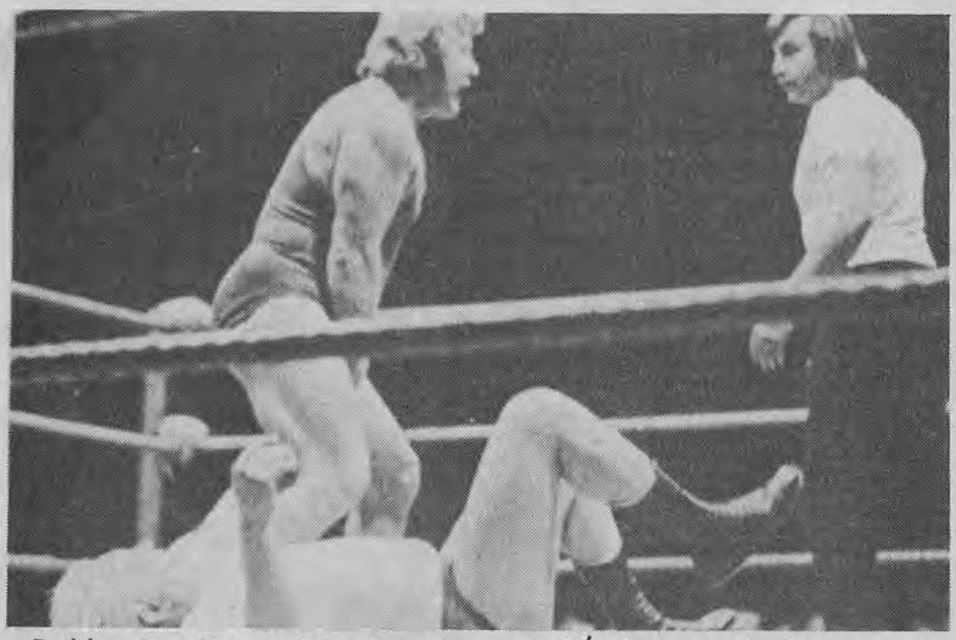
In a comparative short time, the name Red Bastien was known from Maine to California, Bastien was a great solo performer but he also enjoyed and excelled in the teamwork of tag matches.

Red paired with Hercules Cortez and the matchup provided instant success. This mat union reached a pinnacle on May 15, 1971 when Red and Hercules won the world's tag team championship.

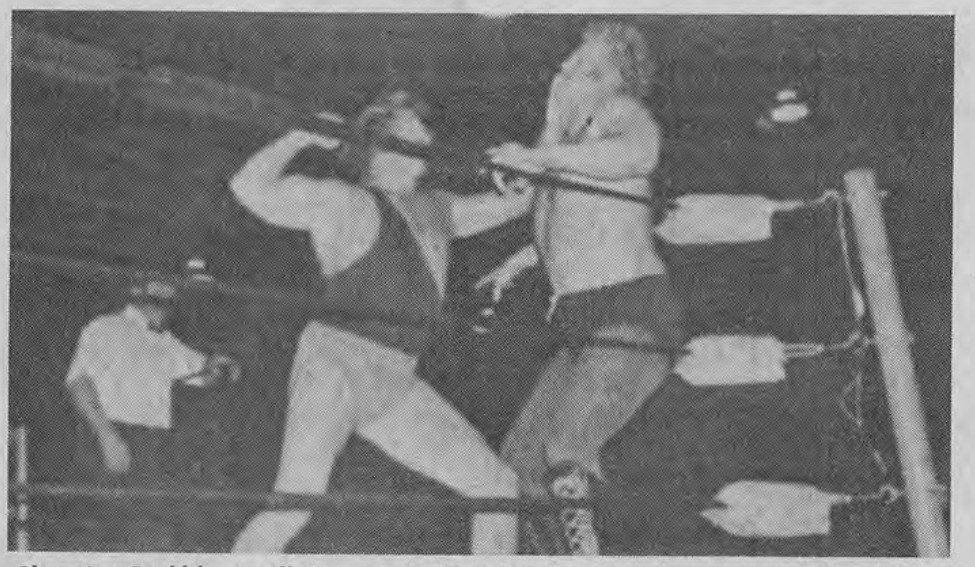
This crown is recognized by the American Wrestling Association and it is the most prestigious since the National Wrestling Alliance doesn't have an official sanction on tag events.



Furious action in a wild six man tag team match. Red is on the far left, clenching his fist.



Red has Ray Stevens just where he wants him flat on his back during a torrid tag match.



Slugging Red blasts villainous Fritz Von Goering in a ring corner as the ref studies the action.

Red loses his temper completely and goes after an apponent with a ringside folding chair!

Hercules Died Driving In Minneapolis

There are other tag champions but none have the universal recognition of the A.W.A. diadem.

Bastien and Cortez were immediately accepted as popular champions for their colorful, aggressive style.

Red and Hercules welcomed all challengers and some who were no more than so-called challengers. These contrasting performers barred no one and whenever their names appeared on a wrestling card, it assured the spectators of plenty of bruising action.

It wasn't long before the mat fraternity was hailing Bastien and Hercules as the most popular duo in the history of the sport.

But little more than two months after these champions were crowned Dame Fortune was destined to intervene in the most tragic way.

Red and Hercules made what was to be their last title defense on July 24, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Needless to say the title holders prevailed.

The next morning they drove to Minneapolis for an appearance. Cortez was driving with Bastien in the front seat.

Suddenly the driver lost control of the car and a horrendous crash ensued. Cortez was killed but Bastien managed to survive principally because of his super condition.

Naturally, Bastien has managed to continue in his chosen profession but the death of Cortez was an irreparable loss.

Not so long ago, Red was reminiscing about that night in Milwaukee when he and Cortez relieved Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon, and his brother, Paul The Butcher, of their A.W.A. championship.

"As usual Herc was terrific that night and the way we worked, the

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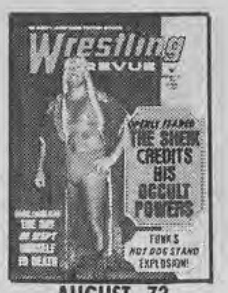
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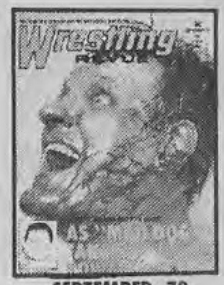
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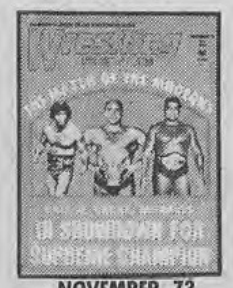
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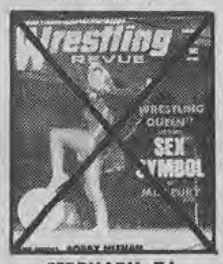
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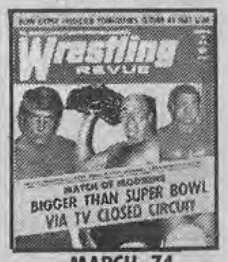
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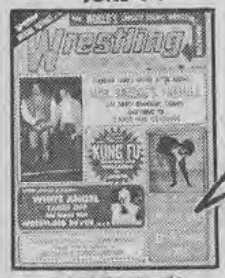
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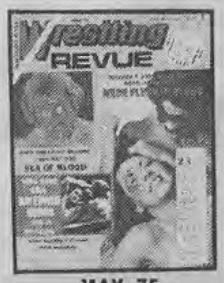
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Vachons didn't know what hit them. There are plenty of great wrestlers around but there was only one Hercules Cortez. Nobody who ever met him will ever forget him."

Bastien has travelled all over the world, making such international stops as Melbourne, Tokyo, Honolulu, San Francisco and New York.

When Cortez was killed many top-flight wrestlers offered Bastien assistance as partners or whatever. However, Red finally turned to Reggie Lisowski, an old friend better known in mat circles as The Crusher.

The Crusher, a peroxide behemoth, was the ideal partner for Bastien....a natural villain, rugged, tough, skillful and fast.

Red, Lou Also Popular Tag Champions

Red Bastien and The Crusher congratulate each other as they stand proudly before their A.W.A. tag team championship trophy... and of course, wearing their belts.

He also had another incentive, having lost the A.W.A. while teaming with Dick The Bruiser in 1969 to the Vachons.

"The Crusher was available as a partner since Dick The Bruiser had so many solo commitments he didn't have much time for tag events. Finally both fellows went their separate ways and I paired up with Crusher."

Bastien and The Crusher complimented each other during the heated ring action and repeatedly put down all challenges in the ring.

Bastien doesn't bar any opponent in the ring and size means absolutely nothing. Red proved this not so long ago when he tangled with 601-pound Haystacks Calhoun.

"You know what they say — the bigger they come....the harder they fall," Red laughed.

Red has built his reputation the hard way and when he started out many promoters argued he was too small to be a wrestler.

St. Paul promoter Eddie Williams obviously had faith in the aggressive young man and gave him his first big match.

Bastien took Minnesotans by storm and then moved out to new territories. It was in the mid-sixties that he finally teamed up with his half-brother, Lou Klein, and they agreed to billing as The Bastiens.

"Actually, Lou and me are half-brothers. We had the same mother but different fathers — I was born in Minnesota and Lou in Michigan. I believe we were a good team and we won many regional titles but the big tag halo didn't come my way until I teamed up with Cortez," Red explained.

It wasn't until Red returned from a junket to the Far East in the early sixties that he had developed into a full-fledged heavyweight.

During the era of Red and Lou Bastien, they would enter the ring wearing Roman Togas bearing the Latin inscription, Veni, Vidi, Vici, which translated means "I came, I saw, I conquered."

Nobody will ever forget the Bastiens' first tag match. It happened at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds under the promotional banner of Jim Barnett in the fifties.

"Barnett offered us the Russian Volkoffs who were extremely rough and tough wrestlers but Lou and me wanted to start off on the right foot and quickly agreed. Lou dis-

played all his scientific finesse and used just about every hold in his repertoire while I added aerial dropkicks, flying head scissors and hand stands. Win....oh yes but it was a rough, tough struggle."

Red and Lou Bastien had two distinct personalities and they didn't always see eye to eye on every subject but then again who does.

However, whatever conflicts they may have encountered outside the ring, it never showed up in their wrestling teamwork.

The Bastiens were big box office wherever they campaigned with such major stops as Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Kansas City, and Chicago.

Before going their separate ways, the Bastiens won the United States Tag Team title and while it was a plum, the big prize didn't come until he won the A.W.A. diadem with Hercules Cortez — a man Red Bastien will never forget....

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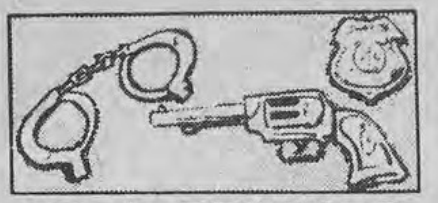

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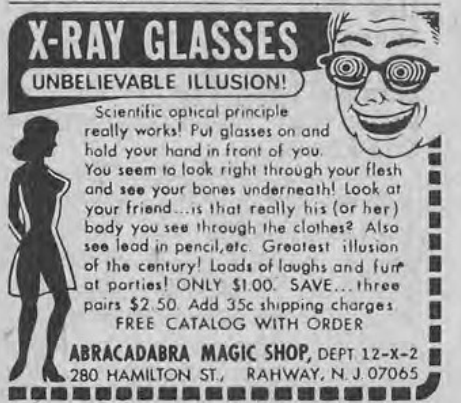

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THE coldest intersection on the North American continent has to be the corner of Portage and Main streets in Winnipeg, Manitoba. There are few brass monkeys found in that vicinity. A warm day is when the temperature goes up to twenty five degrees below zero.

Now let your mind think about the temperature on a prairie farm not far from this provincial capital.

"Cold," Bill Dromo told me, "it was so cold that when you spoke, your words would freeze as they left your mouth. Whoever

WINNIPEG LOSS IS WORLD'S GAIN AMONG HEAVIES

you were talking to would have to thaw out the words to hear what you had said." Now this might be stretching the imagination a little, but Bill, who is known to the wrestling fans as "Big Bill" Dromo, has been known to come up with a few that could tax your process of forming a mental image.

Big Bill or Large Willie was born and raised on the farm that he talks about. There were no school busses to carry the children to school. So it would mean a five mile return hike every day, snow or shine. In later years Bill would look back and thank those days, as it built up his endurance and helped him develop the powerful legs he now possesses. Every Canadian youngster wants to be a professional hockey player, and young Dromo was no exception.

The cold climate in the western prairie provinces allow for an abundance of outdoor ice rinks. There are leagues for every age bracket and kids move up through pee-wee, bantam, midget, juvenile, and into junior.

Bill started in the pee-wees, telling everyone that someday he would be a Toronto Maple Leaf player. At fourteen he became interested in a wrestling program that was being offered at his high school.

Always a scrapper he loved the body contact and in his first year was selected to represent his school in the provincial tournament. Bill placed second but the wrestling bug had done its job. At sixteen Dromo joined the Y.M.C.A. team and also participated in Greco-Roman wrestling matches (Greco-Roman wrestling is strictly from the waist up). At eighteen he was representing the province of Manitoba in the Dominion Championship in both the free-style and Greco-Roman style.

This was what he wanted to do for a living, he wanted to be a professional wrestler. But, things are not always that easy.

First you have to meet a promoter who will take the time and interest, and help you to obtain a match. In Dromo's case it

Bill Dromo has the charisma that spells big success at the box office — size, speed, style and good looks.

was match-maker and promoter Wally Karbo of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Wally was promoting Winnipeg at the time and was in the Canadian city for the evening's festivities.

Bill was introduced and very nervously told Mr. Karbo of his desire to wrestle as a pro.

"I'll never forget that day," Bill told me. "I knew the manager at the arena and he told me to stop by that evening and he would introduce me to Wally Karbo. My knees were shaking like castanets. I think I was there three hours before the match started. Wally encouraged me and told me to be in Minneapolis the following week."

The "following week" as it turned out was the beginning of six months hard work. Training with different wrestlers and working with the weights. Running and playing handball. Building himself into the fast-moving style that he still possesses. At six foot, three inches and 268 pounds he was big enough for any opponent. Big enough that the fans dubbed him "Big Bill" from his very first match.

Another three months and Big Bill was on the road. Engagements in Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Detroit followed with Dromo testing some of the roughest and some of the toughest — "Dick the Bruiser" Mitsu Arakawa, and Pat O'Connor.

Within two years of his debut he was matched with Lou Thesz, who is still rated one of the greatest. A match that had the fans standing on their seats cheering as Dromo matched Thesz hold for hold. The fast pace accelerated and the 60 minute time limit elapsed with both men on their feet. There was a five minute standing ovation as the fans paid hommage to the young gladiator who had just held "one of the greatest" to a draw.

"That match is still one of the most exciting events in my life," Big Bill told me. "I have wrestled Pat O'Connor, a former champion, and I have wrestled Jack Brisco, the current champion and I didn't feel half the sensation that I had when I wrestled Lou Thesz."

The All Japan Pro Wrestling organization wired Dromo requesting his services. In the Orient he met the best and emerged with a good won-lost record. So good that he was invited back for another tour and has since returned four more times. Australia beckoned. So it was a trip to the Land Down Under. Big Bill was such a hit in Aussie land that the fans would chant "C'mon Wee Willie". "I love Australia and have returned there many times. The wrestling fans are the greatest. I never turn down a good contract from Australia," Bill laughed.

Dromo met the love of his life in Atlanta, Georgia. German born, his wife to be migrated to the southern metropolis and was introduced to Big Bill through a mutual friend.

"It was love at first sight," Bill confided.

The Dromos make Atlanta their home where Big Bill travels to his wrestling engagements all over the world. A good-natured person with a soft voice and a friendly personality, he loves to entertain and is a gracious host. For relaxation it's fishing trips with friends, or in pursuit of his favorite sport, hunting. His ambition is to own and operate a sportsmen ranch. That is, he quickly tells you, "right after I win the world's heavyweight wrestling championship."

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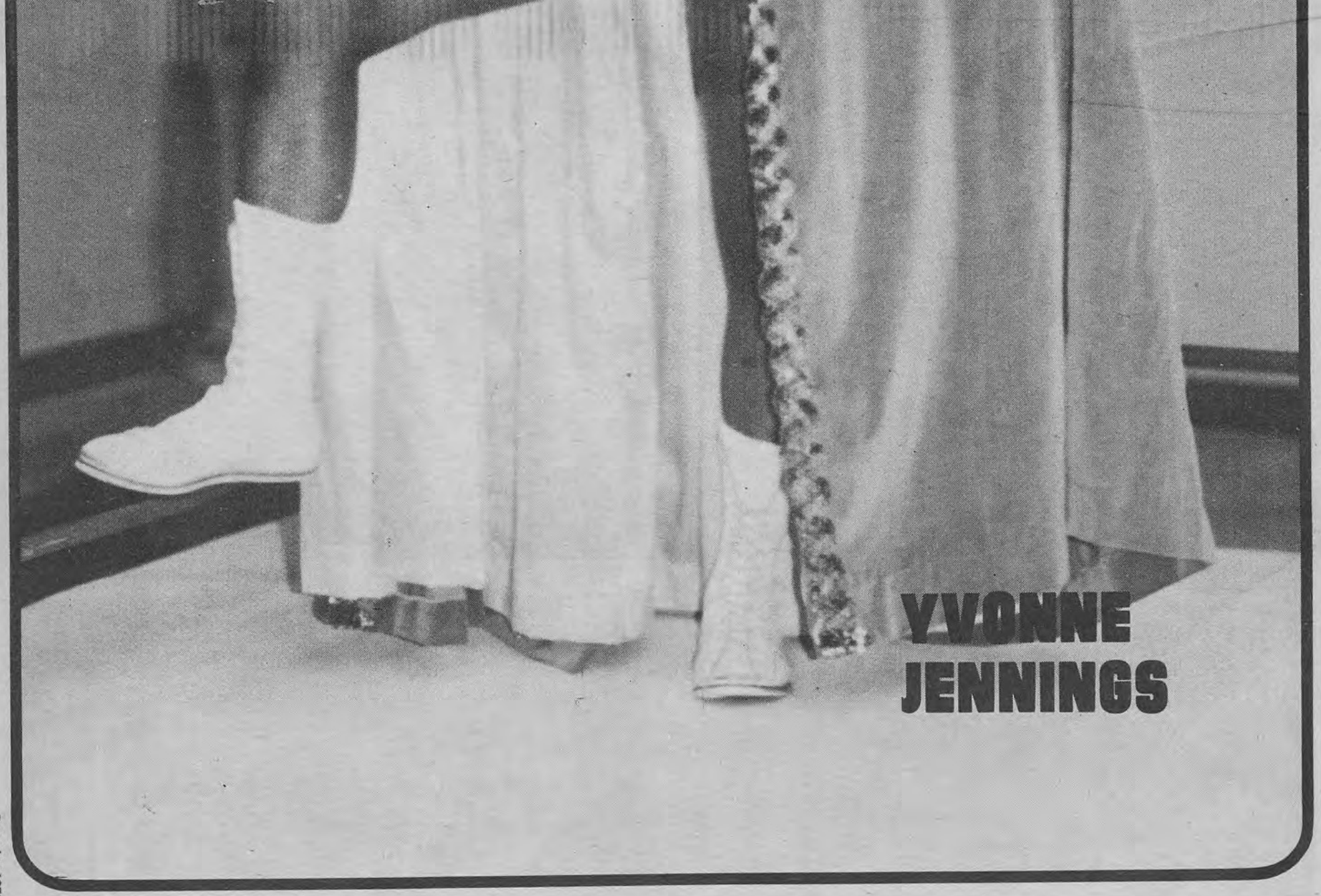

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Terry Funk shows ex-champion Harley Race no mercy in a donnybrook at St.Petersburg, Fla. as the Texan tries to literally tear off the blonde behemoth's nose.

It's a furious Funk who has Race trapped on the ropes and is now preparing to deliver an elbow smash to the head.

Terry ruthlessly matches Harley in breaking the rules as he bites Race on the nose.

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FIREWORKS CONTINUE IN FEUD OF RACE, TERRY FUNK WITH NO WAY TO DOUSE THE FUSE

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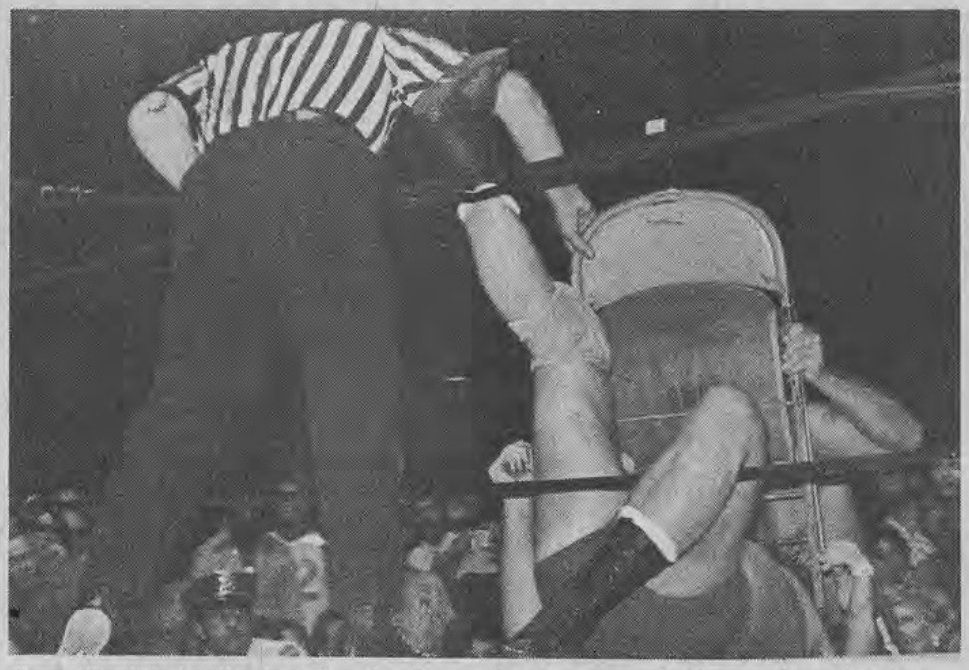
HARLEY Race and Terry Funk have brought their everlasting feud to the Sunshine State from Texas with both swearing to permanently end the other's wrestling career.

It all started in St. Petersburg one night when Dory Funk Jr. and Harley Race met to see who the number one contender to Jack Brisco's world crown would be. Harley Race, whose foot was caught in the rope, was pinned by the unaware Funk.

Race argued with the referee but to no avail. Suddenly Race threw Funk onto the cement floor and proceeded to piledrive the helpless Funk into the cement. An ambulance took the unconscious Funk to the hospital where he remained for six weeks.

Terry Funk, who had been doing very successfully in Texas, rushed to Florida seeking revenge for his brother Dory. Both Terry Funk and Harley Race had met on numerous occasions,



Terry Funk is badly dazed as he lies under the ropes but Race doesn't let up, going out of the ring and getting a chair to hammer his rival.

Back in the ring, an irate Funk began to rock Race with forearm smashes to the head and naturally, Harley started to reel.

settling only one thing. Both bleed a lot and both are too rough for any referee to handle. The question still remains. How can this feud be settled?

Killer Karl Krupp has brought his fury to Florida capturing the Southern title from Pepper Gomez in his first week. Krupp is demanding the best of talent and when he's finished with them he wants Jack Brisco on any terms! Krupp's vicious attack, along with his head claw, make him a definite threat to Brisco and the NWA world title.

Danny Little Bear is feuding with Roger Kirby. It seems that both of them consider themselves championship material and want to prove this point to the fans by defeating the other.

DORY'S BROTHER HOSPITALIZED AFTER VICTORY

Bob Roop currently the Florida champion has narrowly held onto his title by technicalities. Among those who have come close to defeating Roop are Dusty Rhodes, Terry Funk, Rocky Johnson and the sensational European champion, Adinon Casey.

Jack Brisco is respected more than ever after his sensational victories over Tim Woods, Harley Race, Dory Funk Jr., Terry Funk and Bob Roop. Brisco is ducking no one and has proved himself time and time again.

Jim Dillon, currently the Florida Television champion, recently lost his trophy to Tiger Conway Jr. but later regained it. Dillon has been having problems lately and could be defeated at any given time.

Dusty Rhodes is now teaming up with arch enemy Terry Funk. Why? They both hate Harley Race and Bob Roop and are after their blood.

Florida fans are still talking about the biggest upset of the year! Ken Mantell, NWA World Jr. Heavyweight Champion, lost his title to Hiro Matsuda on a one week tour of Florida.

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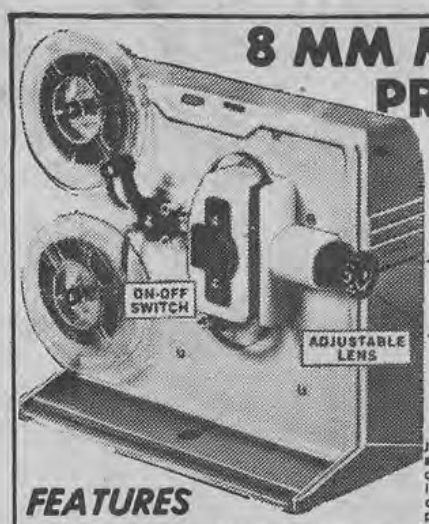

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Ken stated, "I underestimated the man and I will regain the belt even if it takes all year." This is the second time Matsuda has been in possession of the coveted belt. The first was when he defeated Dann Hodge years ago. Matsuda stated, "It was no mistake."

The NWA World Tag Team Belts are currently in limbo.

Champions Ole and Gene Anderson thought they'd have an easy defense with Tiger Conway Jr. and Rocky Johnson — only to have Conway and Johnson come out on top. The Andersons objected strongly to Sam Muchnick who ruled that the belts be held up and a rematch be scheduld.

Florida has become the capital of bloodbaths and roughness in the NWA and maybe the world. What can the fans expect next? ●

KRUPP BEATS PEPPER GOMEZ WANTS BRISCO

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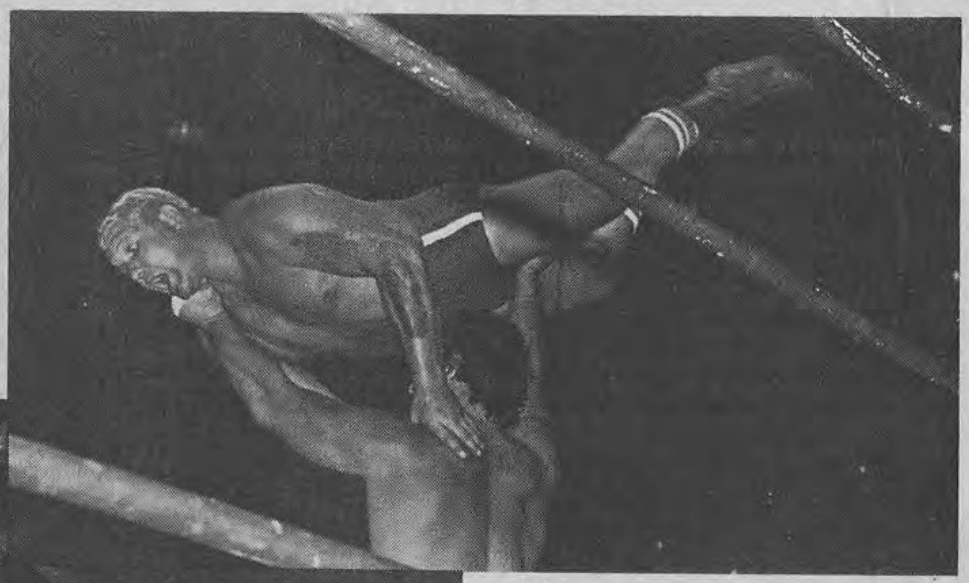
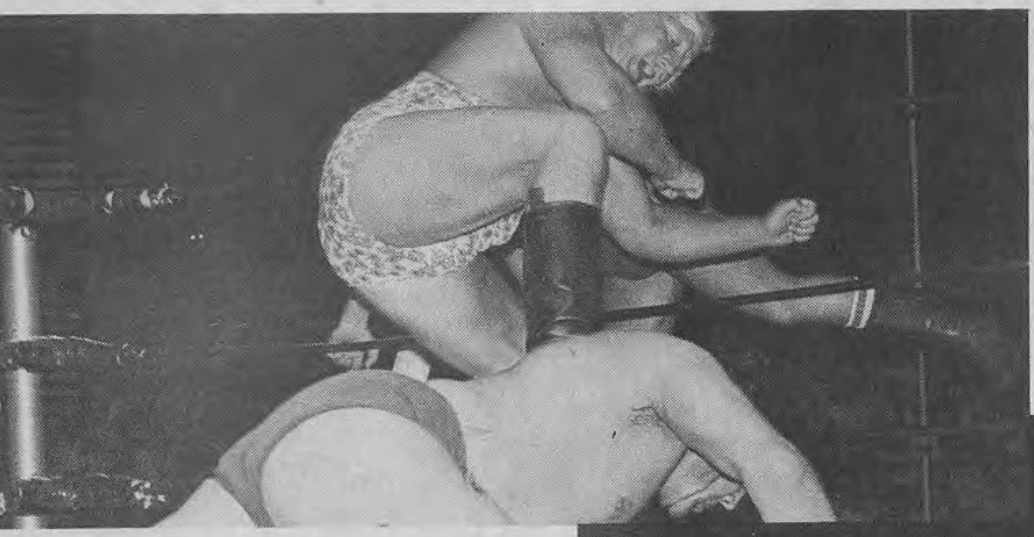


Funk never let up once he had Race on the defensive and repeatedly rocked him into semi-consciousness with vicious body slams.

Terry finally pinned RACE who argues with the referee that his foot was caught in the rope. When the official refused to change the decision a bleeding Harley went berserk and tossed Funk onto the cement floor. Terry left the arena unconscious in an ambulance and was out of action for more than a month.

Killer Karl Krupp wasn't satisfied with a victory over Pat Barret after punishing him with the Face Claw but picked up his battered foe after the match was officially over and threw him out of the ring.

Roger Kirby is relentless in his pursuit of Danny Little Bear and has the Indian grappler bleeding from the mouth as he puts on the pressure with a chin lock.



Little Bear escaped from the chin lock but it is a wild and wooly Kirby who seems to be doing a war dance of his own as he continues to kick and stomp Danny.

It was a knock down, drag'em out affair between Jim Dillon and Tiger Conway, Jr. for the Florida Television championship until Dillon trapped his stubborn rival with his nerve hold and the ball game was over, enabling the blond ruffian to regain his title.

In a match-up of what proved to the epitome of two street fighters in action, Jacques Rougeau (right) has Maurice "Mad Dog" Vachon bleeding and groggy and on his way out for the evening. Seconds after this picture was taken, Rougeau smashed Vachon to the canvas with a series of combinations which was a throw back to his boxing days.

JACQUES ROUGEAU'S BROKEN FINGERS AS BOXER SPRINGBOARD TO MAT FAME

By George Arnold

THEY are called the Barrymores of Canada. Or at times it was the Rougeau clan. Anyway no matter how you call it they have produced more names in professional wrestling than any other family.

The Vachons claim three members. Mad Dog, Paul, and Vivian Vachon. The Mills family also three, Tiny, Al, and sister Alma.

But the Rougeau clan had four. The late Eddie Auger, who passed away a week before last Christmas, was an uncle to both Johnny and Jacques and grand uncle to the new member, Raymond.

It was Eddie, who started Jacques in professional wrestling. Unlike Johnny, Jacques wanted to be a pro boxer. Starting at an early age he won his first boxing title at 106 pounds. Thats right! one-zero-six. To look at this strapping 245 pounder today it is hard to believe. The following year he became real heavy and ballooned up to 109. But he was still a growing boy and in the following years Jacques won the title in his class five times.

He was now 19 years old and his fighting weight was up to 118.

By that time Johnny had made his mark in wrestling and both Eddie and Johnny tried to convince Jacques to start exercising with weights in order to gain some muscle. The closest he ever came to weights was his passion for the shot put during high school days. It was three sports while growing up. Boxing, the shot put, or hockey. Entering the Golden Gloves tournament Jacques once captured his class title at the 118 pound weight. He didn't know it then but he would never box again. Two weeks later he smashed two fingers on his right hand. What were two fingers now looked like two long wide pieces of flesh. Heart-broken at the thought that he might never fight again he developed fits of mental depression.

"I wanted to be a professional boxer so much that I felt my life had ended" Jacques told me.

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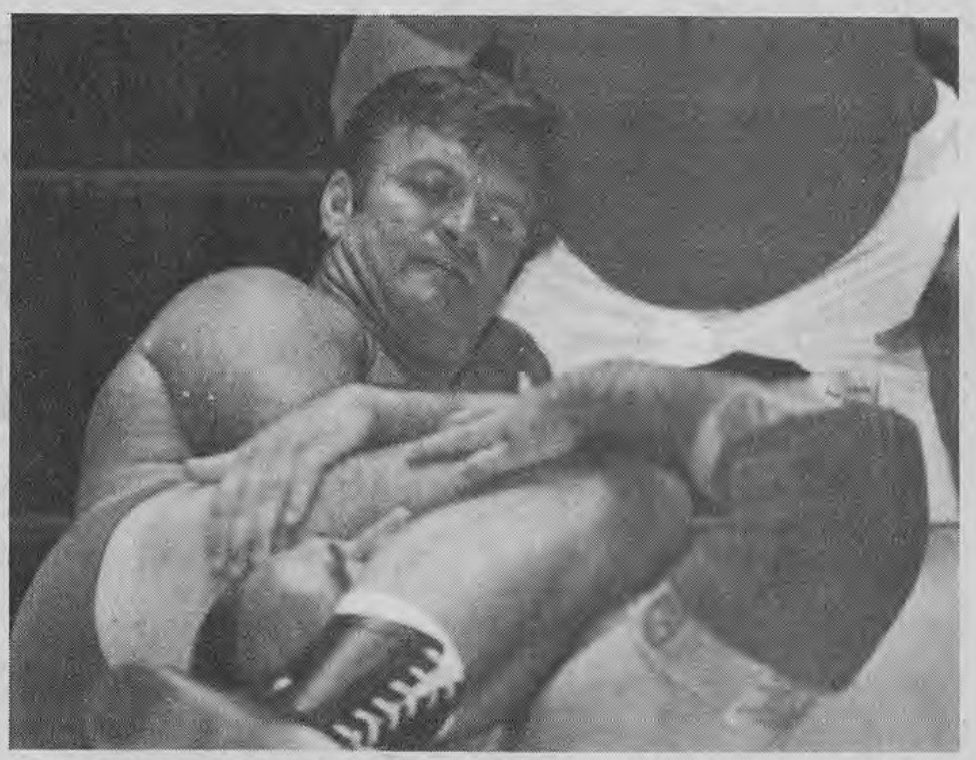
During his schooldays, Jacques mixed hockey with boxing and discus throwing but once his uncle, Eddie and brother, Johnny, took over, Rougeau devoted his full attention to wrestling.



One of Jacques' favorite holds is the head scissors and once he gets an opponent trapped with this maneuver, few have managed to escape unscathed.

and I now weighed 170. My uncle Eddie took over. Training for wrestling is a lot like training for boxing in the sense that you have to be in tip top condition for both sports. Boxing, of course means a lot of punching, running, and sparring. Wrestling means running, handball, and lifting weights, but not as much sparring. Anyway Eddie started me on the weights and by the time I was 22 I had built myself up to 245 pounds which is just right for my six foot, three inches.

"Then Johnny pitched in and things really started to move. Because Johnny was on the road and the opportunity to work out with each other. Johnny would tell me stories of the places he had been to and wrestled. I learned holds such as the sleeper and the abdominal stretch. These two holds I have perfected

Rougeau has an equally powerful opponent in dire straits here as he puts the pressure on Dr. Bib Bill Miller who doesn't seem to have the remedy to escape.

to my liking and I still use them to finish off an opponent. All the time that I was mixed up with boxing I never realized how exciting wrestling could be and to feel and grip for a man was more fun than just punching a way.

"Now I wanted a match. I couldn't wait to get into the ring and try all holds and moves I had

Son Raymond May Be Star Of Tomorrow

learned. There again Johnny showed a brother's love. He arranged for my first match to be a tag team bout. I was so excited my knees were shaking and sounded like castanets. Johnny took charge and all through the match kept correcting my errors. I would have to say that everything I own today I can thank my late uncle Eddie and brother Johnny."

The Rougeau brothers have wrestled some of the big name teams in wrestling and have more than held their own. A few years back Jacques opened a men's haberdashery.

"At first it was meant to be only a small place that I could putter around with and put a few pennies into for the fun of it. Before the store was a month old we were doing so much business that I had to think of expansion. At the end of the first-year I had three stores going and they were always busy. Eventually I opened up two more stores. But things were starting to get out of hand because of the time I was spending in the stores. I sold the business and concentrated on my wrestling career. But I'll tell you something when I am finished as a wrestler I intend to go back into the clothing business, there is a few dollars to be made selling ties." ●

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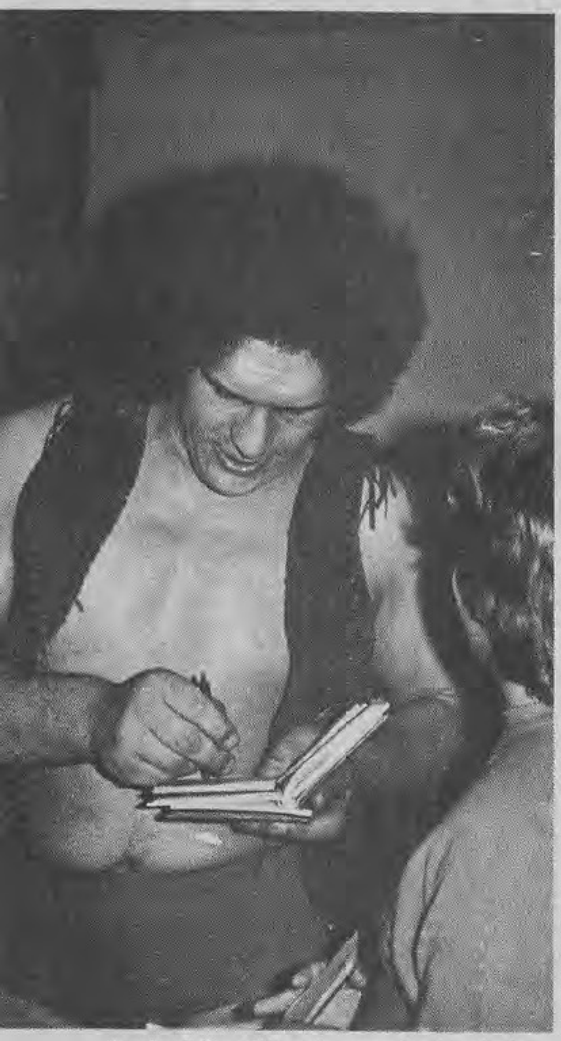
THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF FAN CLUBS

By John Arezzi

HI, and welcome to another edition of your column, the Fan Club Hotline. This column is for the many good fan clubs in existance today. It is also for the many fine photographers that wish to sell their photos to the public. Also, anyone who would like to correspond with fans from around the country, or would like to exchange programs, results, or news with anyone else, drop me a line and I'll put it here in the Fan Club Hotline.



Andre The Giant's popularity is international and continues to increase with each passing week but the big fellow is never too busy to sign an autograph for an admirer.

All fan club presidents, photographers, or anyone else who has any questions on fan clubs should contact me at my home. Write directly to me John Arezzi at 4 Lyn Place, West Babylon, New York 11704. If a reply is required, please send along a self-addressed stamped envelope to insure an answer.

In order for me to list you, this is what you must do. For fan clubs I need your signed permission slip, if your club is for a wrestler, plus your club prices, what members will get for their money, and samples of what you give your members (bulletins, membership cards, etc.). This is the only way I will plug your club, if I get samples. But I can't list you if I don't have a copy of your permission slip.

For photographers I need a sample of your photo list, plus two samples that are on that list. The reason I do this is because I want the readers of this column to get their money's worth. There are some so-called fans out there that buy photos from an established photographer, then make a negative from the photo they bought, and sell copies as their work. And also there are some that sell photos that are blurred, too far away, or not what the customer ordered. For all other sellers of wrestling items, please send me a list and sample.

OK, enough of my little speech. Let's get down to business, I have a lot of clubs to list.

As most of you readers know, I am the President of the INTERNATIONAL FRED BLASSIE FAN CLUB, and have been running my club for some three years. At the present time, I am not accepting any members due to a printing problem. Hopefully soon, I can reopen membership. When I do, you will be the first to know. Also, I am selling photos, posed, action and bloody. If you would like two samples, and a 10 page list, send me one dollar at the above address.

First on my list is THE INTERNATIONAL JOHN TOLOS FAN CLUB, which is run by my very good friend Mike Lano of 3564 Amesbury Road, Los Angeles, California 90027. Mike's bulletin is called "The Golden Greek", and rightfully so. The bulletins are in excess of 20 pages and contain photos, reports from the wrestling capitals of the world, and the latest news on the Golden Greek, John Tolos. Dues are $4.00 a year for bulletins, a membership card, 8x10 photos, club pencils, masks and many other wrestling items. Also Mike is holding a tremendous sale of photos, programs dating back to the sixties, and many other worthwhile wrestling items.

The fourth issue of "MAIN EVENT", which is published by Arnie Katz and "Wild" Bill Kunkel just crossed my desk. I have to say that this publication is one of the best fan magazines to be published in a long time. "Main Event" focuses mostly on areas on the East Coast, and matches in Madison Square Garden, The Nassau Coliseum, and other top arenas on the Northeast. You can get six big issues of this excellant magazine by sending just $3.00 to MAIN EVENT, P.O. Box 163, Richmond Hill, New York 11418.

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THE EYE WITNESS NEWS OF WRESTLING is a fairly new club which deals mainly with Los Angeles results and stories. The current issue was 10 pages. Send 35 cents to Greg Turk, 1817 Taft Ave., Hollywood, California 90028 for a sample.

If you would like to join a great fan club, join THE PEDRO MORALES FAN CLUB under the supervision of Beth Zane President and Raymond Weaver, Vice President, for the latest news on the former W.W.W.F. champ. The address is 2123 East Washington Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19138.

THE CRUSHER FAN CLUB is going great guns under the supervision of Tony Weller. The bulletin is called "THE MAN FROM MILWAUKEE". To join this club to honor the roughest in the Midwest write the club's president, Tony at this new address 308 Dickinson Road, Apt. 9, Springfield Ill. 62704, for allthe details.

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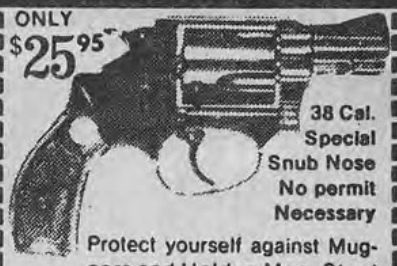

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"SPIN" is the name of THE GEOFF PORTZ FAN CLUB, President Rosemary Lott. This is another very good bulletin and this club has been around for a long time. For further information on how you can join this really great tribute to Geoff Portz, write Rosemary at 34 Nemy Cresent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2Y 0K5, Canada.

Diana Carter is the President of THE BILLY ROBINSON FAN CLUB. She has run this very successful club for almost three years now, and it gets better all the time. To join write Diana at 725 State Street, Union Grove, Wisconsin 53182.

Are there any BRUNO SAMMARTINO fans out there? I bet there are hundreds. Well, for all you Bruno rooters, there is a great fan club you can join to honor this living legend. Drop a line to the club president, Dan Szafranski of 730 Edgewood Avenue, Pittsburgh Pa. 15215 for all the details.

A very professional bulletin is named THE MIDWEST'S GREATEST MATCHES, and it is put out by Wayne Stanton of 513 Pandora W., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada RZC IM8. This professionally printed magazine was formally called THE WINNIPEG WRESTLING SCENE. Prices are 40 cents per issue and only $2.50 for a year's membership. Send for your copy today!

Argentina Rocca, the sensational mat star of the fifties, is now retired but he remains close to the sport, working as the color man with Vince McMahon, Jr at Madison Square Garden and other arenas.

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Some of the more recently disbanded clubs are THE WRESTLING INFORMER, published by Ron Evens, and Bert Prentice has given up all his fan clubs. So don't send any money to either of the above for their clubs.

Once again, all fan club Presidents, I can only list the clubs I get items from. So if your club isn't listed and you want it to be, send me the samples and I'll be sure to list you in the Fan Club Hotline.

Now let's see what top photographers have their work for sale this month.

There are many fine photographers in wrestling today, but there is one that stands out above all others, the dean of wrestling photographers, Mr. Gene Gordon. Gene has been taking photos for just about every magazine dealing with wrestling for over a decade now. If you want photos of the women, midgets, or of the top male wrestlers today, send Gene two 10 cent stamps for his big list. The address is 419 Slyvania Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206.

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For fans who want the best in black and white and color photos from Los Angeles, young Gary Dubin sells some really remarkable photos. Send for his free list at 5507 Longridge Avenue, Van Nuys, California 91401.

A friend of mine Sgt Michael Frost of Co. A, 76 Eng. Bn, Fort Meade, Maryland 20755 is also selling shots from around the country. To get his list send a S.A.S.E.

Other fine photographers I recommend are Frank Favale of 786 Tooker Avenue, West Babylon, New York 11704. Frank specializes in closeup action, color shots. Mike Abrams, 756 E. 86th Street Brooklyn, New York is no longer interested in wrestling, but he continues to sell his posed and action photos. One last, young photographer I really am impressed by is Orlando Macchia of 98 Glendale Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110. Orlando has some really great action shots, but his speciality is candid shots of the top wrestlers posed at the various hotels they stay at. He offers some real great shots at good prices.

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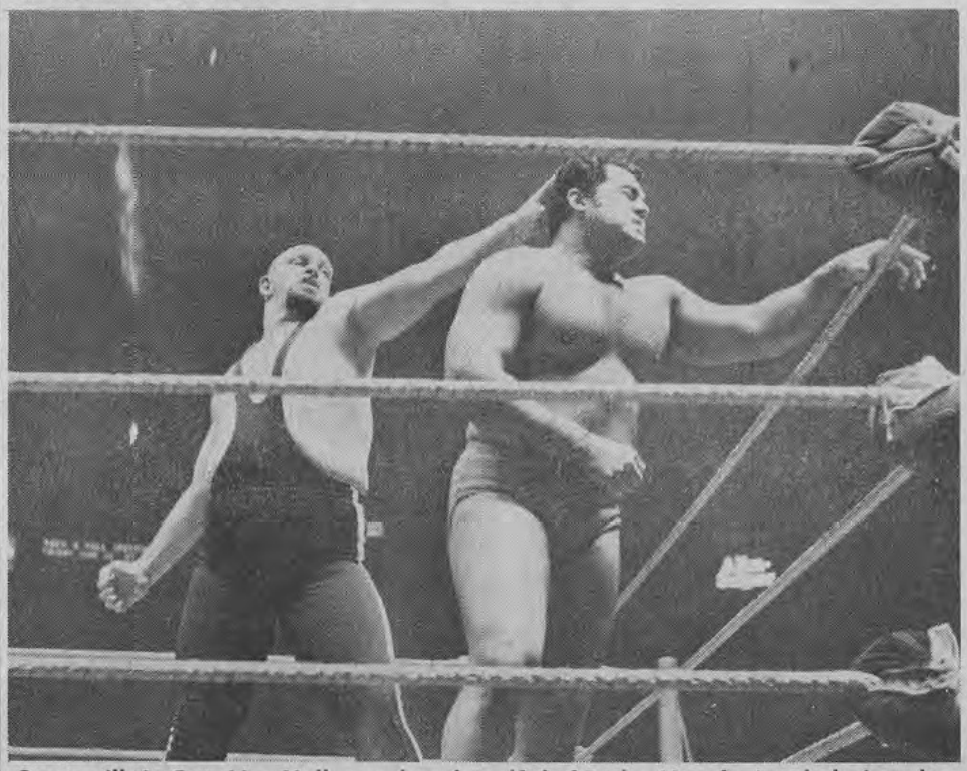

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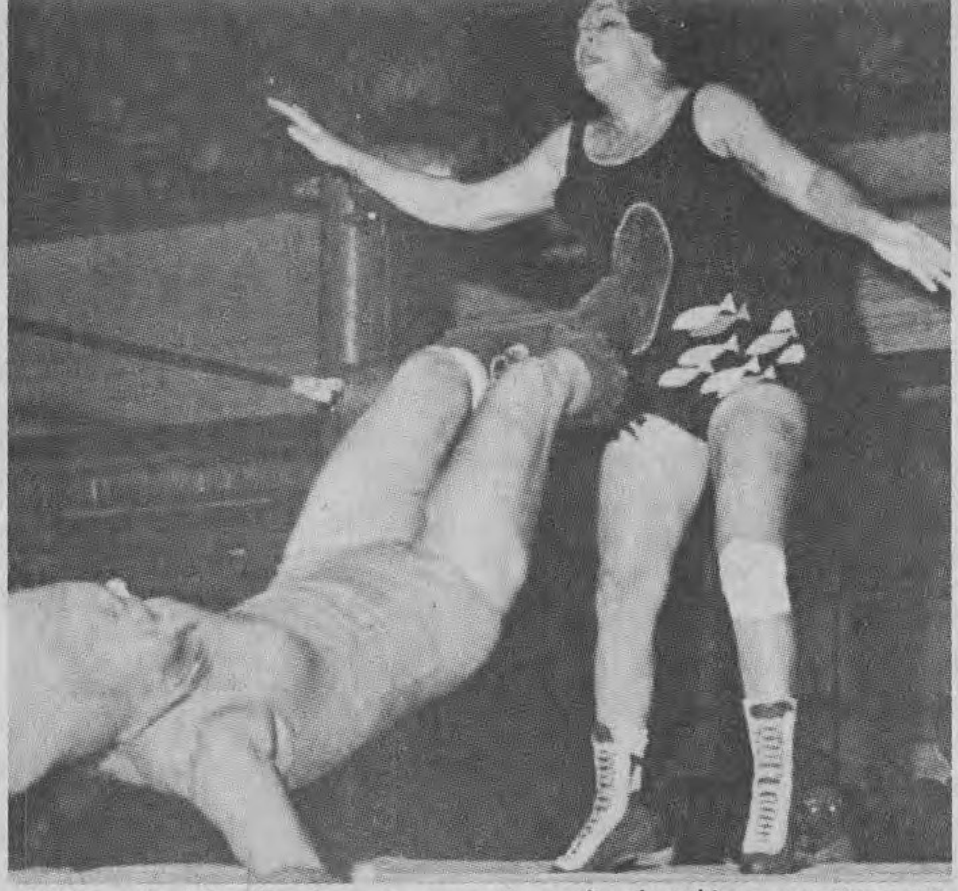

Fabulous Moolah stills reigns as queen of wrestling but things sometimes get rough and find the ageless wonder on the receiving end of an assault as evidenced here as Vicki Williams scored with a solid dropkick to the stomach.

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Women's golf and tennis events have been allotted unprecedented portions of advertising space in leading magazines, newspapers, and television and radio accord almost as much air wave time to the women athletes as to the men.

Moolah and Williams have continued their running feud throughout the southland and Vicki has the champion heading for the canvas, victimized by a body slam. The Fabulous one proved her right to the title when she came back to score the winning pin at Greenville, S.C.

Women no longer fear to involve themselves with sports that the "movement" has opened up to them. With this tremendous influx of women into athletics, the more aggressive of these sports have not remained immune. Even boxing and football have received enthusiastic support from the women, a previously unheard of indulgence by the "weaker sex". Women have also bridged the gulf between their femininity and the sport of wrestling. Although women have had both their hands and feet in that sport for many years before the movement, they had never considered invading the profession in such great numbers. The reason for their neglect was fuelled by the fact that many cities would not permit the women to perform in public.

This bastion of male monopoly over the rights of women was swept away as well as one of the staunchest supporters of keeping women out of the wrestling rings, the New York Athletic Commission. It finally abandoned its former stance and gave the girls the go-ahead.

So on July 1, 1972, the girls hit New York City and have been there ever since. That time marked the beginning of the fall of many major cities as they gave in to demands by the public and the pressure put on them by the gal grapplers themselves and the women's organizations representing them. What was once considered to be unsuitable for public consumption was now the rage of the mat fan.

The first women's match to be held at the Madison Square Garden pitted, appropriately enough, The Fabulous Moolah, women's world champion, and Vicki Williams, who is a worthy opponent to the leading lady as any that could be conjured up for the first match that would serve as a litmus test — to gauge the public mood toward women wrestlers. A sensational advertising campaign was launched to make fans of the gals aware that they were now available to be seen, live in their area. New Yorkers did not fail to respond to the urgings. They were tired of seeing the women on their lifeless, colorless television sets. The showing was impressive for a first match — 19,512 fans filled the Garden as they witnessed history being made.

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The late great heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano, who retired undefeated in 1956, made a great impression on Fabulous Moolah when the super stars of the ring met years ago.

The match lasted a disappointing brief six minutes but the pace of the action made those minutes tick away even more quickly. Blond, pert Vicky Williams knew what she was up to when she consented to fight Moolah that night. She knew that she was up against a champion but could not be discouraged by this realization, after all, she was after the championship belt herself and the only route to that spot was over the body of the champ.

She seemed a little nervous beside the cool, older, and heavier champ, but that was only before the bell. As the contestants came out at the opening bell they seemed to be neck and neck as a series of holds gave neither a noticeable edge. Vicki's holds were good but not good enough, as Moolah slipped away from each with relative ease.

While Moolah proved to be a natural escape-artist, Williams showed that she was a master contortionist. She was incredibly adept at twisting her body into shapes that boggled the imagination. When Moolah went after her and they latched onto each other, Williams would apply a hold that could only have been pulled off by a skilled acrobat. She juggled the champ about like so many pins.

Both girls were huffing and puffing with the pace of the action but not as much as the fans who were up in their seats every time that one of the girls hit the mat. The fight seemed to be a clean one, with nothing to trouble the referee with. The crowd was about evenly divided in their preference for a winner. This being the first match, the New Yorkers were relatively unsophisticated about the ladies and knew little about the past or present of the grapplers. In light of this, the future did not seem a matter to them now.

Williams got off a good elbow smash to the throat of Moolah which gave her much cause for concern as she hit the mat and remained dazzled by the lights and stars above her. Williams was quick to move in. As she approached, Moolah showed great stamina by rousing herself and getting and armful of Williams' foot which she promptly pulled up from underneath her and put her opponent down to her level. A slugfest ensued that had both gals trading blows in what abounted to a beer-parlor brawl. Neither could keep this up for long. They broke away from each other and returned for a moment's respite to their respective corners.

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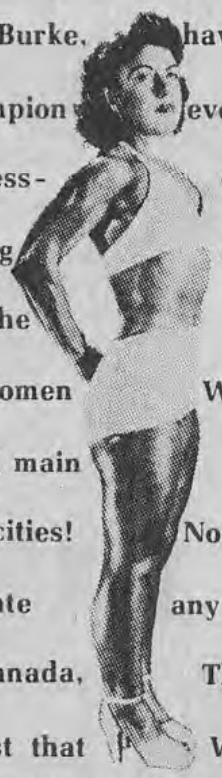

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Williams, of course, was not as happy about the outcome. We were happy about the interview that she allowed us after the match, however.

Vicki Williams was still out of breath and doing the best to tidy her, "coiffure" when we approached her. We asked her first what she thought of Moolah as a ring opponent.

"Well, it's all true what they say about her. She sure puts up one hell of a fight. I must admit I had my qualms about defeating her here tonight but after the first few seconds I really thought I had a good chance at taking that darn belt away from her. She's had that belt for so long it seems almost unfair of her to keep it to herself but I guess it's only up to us, the girls who really want it, to take it away."

What did she think of fans and the future of girl wrestling in all the big cities of America.

"It was great to see all those fans out there. It almost made my losing the match an unimportant part of tonight. I think that if more and more cities give up their antiquated concept about women wrestling in public, it would be a great step forward for women and for sports in general and this is what the trend seems to indicate here tonight."

Since that first night back in 1972, women grapplers have come a long way and state commissions have been forced to the demands of the times. They are no longer a force to be reckoned with as far as women in athletics are concerned. An increasing number of women have infiltrated the ranks of the commissions themselves and are now working harder than ever to promote the cause of women in sports throughout the country. ●

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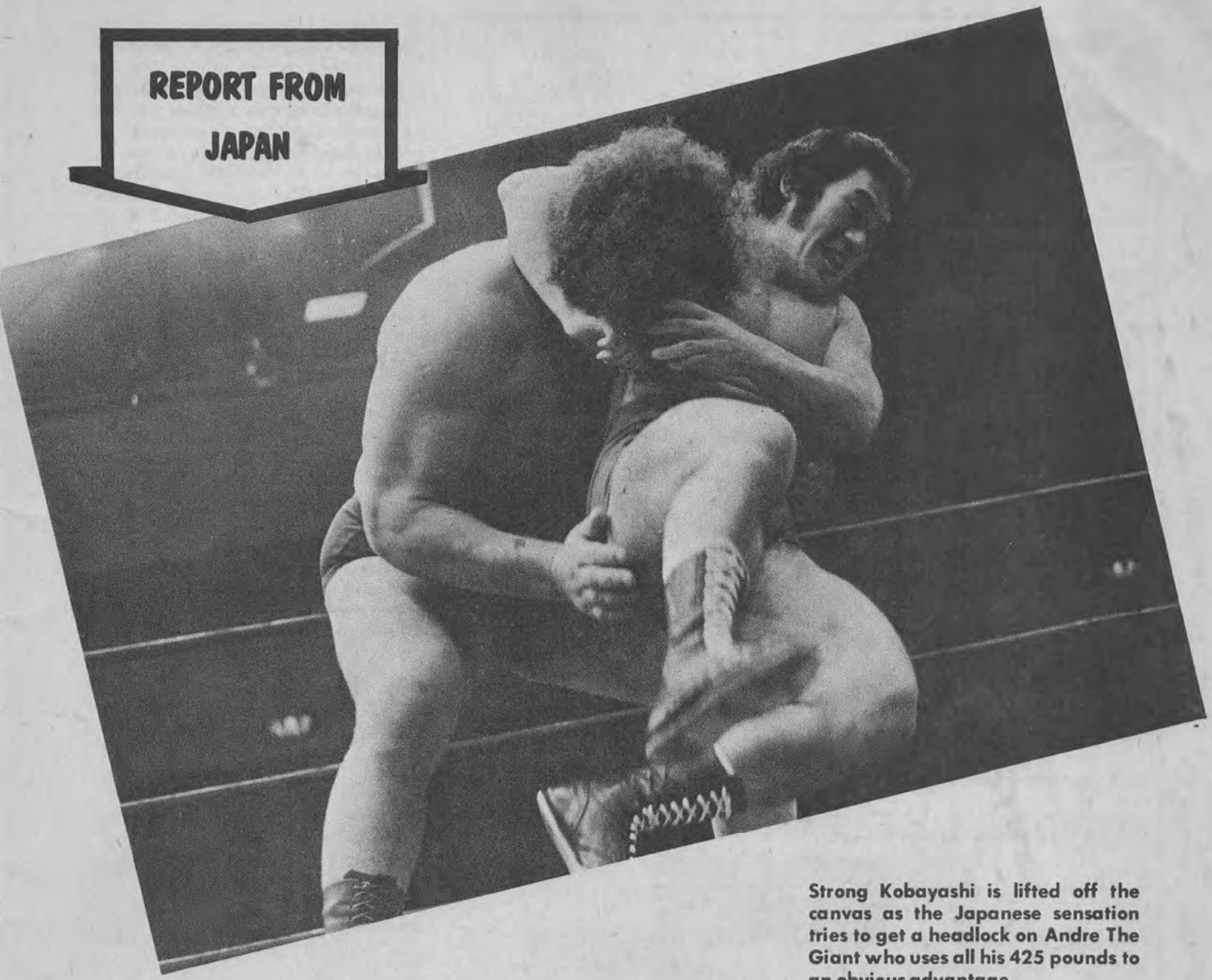

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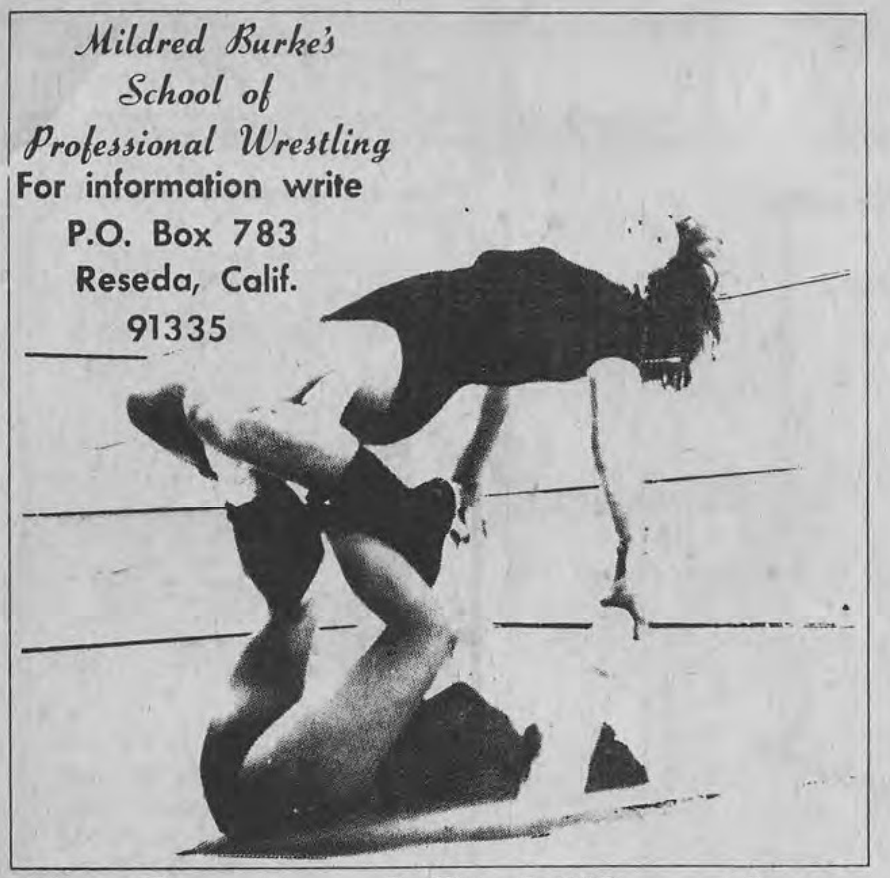

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On the other hand, the third Champion Carnival was closed last May. Gene Kiniski and Giant Baba were contesting for the championship and Baba won the victory. After the series was over, All Japan Pro Wrestling opened the Black Power Series at Korakuen Hall. As you see from the title, black wrestlers took the leadership in it. Incidentally Jerry Kozak, Billy Francis, Scott Casey, Black Devil, Hank James and Bobo Brazil were participants. This series had hot battles in every part of Japan with Bobo Brazil as the leader.

In opposition to Black Power Series by All Japan Pro Wrestling, New Japan Pro Wrestling opened Golden Fight Series at Korakuen Hall. Andre the Giant, Greg Valentine, The Professional, Masked Gladiator, Dennis Michel, John Michel entered the series at the invitation of Antonio Inoki. Among them, Andre the Giant was most popular and no mistake. At his first match at the hall, he rushed about wildly against his good rival Strong Kobayashi. When Kobayashi belonged to International Pro Wrestling, he body-slammed the biggest Frenchman high up in the sky. He is well-known as a Bruno Sammartino in Japan but on this day his strength was of no avail. It is worthy of special mention that he made the giant crawl on the mat with a jumping flying mare and that next he gave him a rain of stomping. That was all he could do. A proverb says, "Big body, little wit." Certainly the giant was a little slow in movement on the day he made his debut in Japan as a professional wrestler but he makes remarkable progress on his wrestling tactics whenever he comes to our area. He visited Japan last March and December.

Since last February Strong Kobayashi left International Pro Wrestling for some unavoidable reasons, he has been working as

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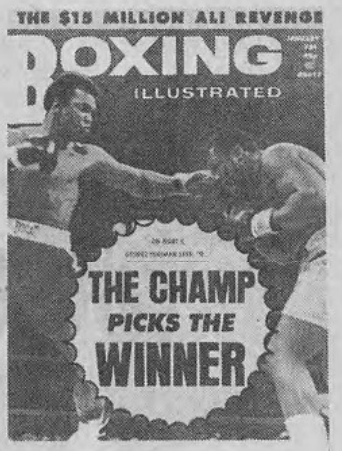

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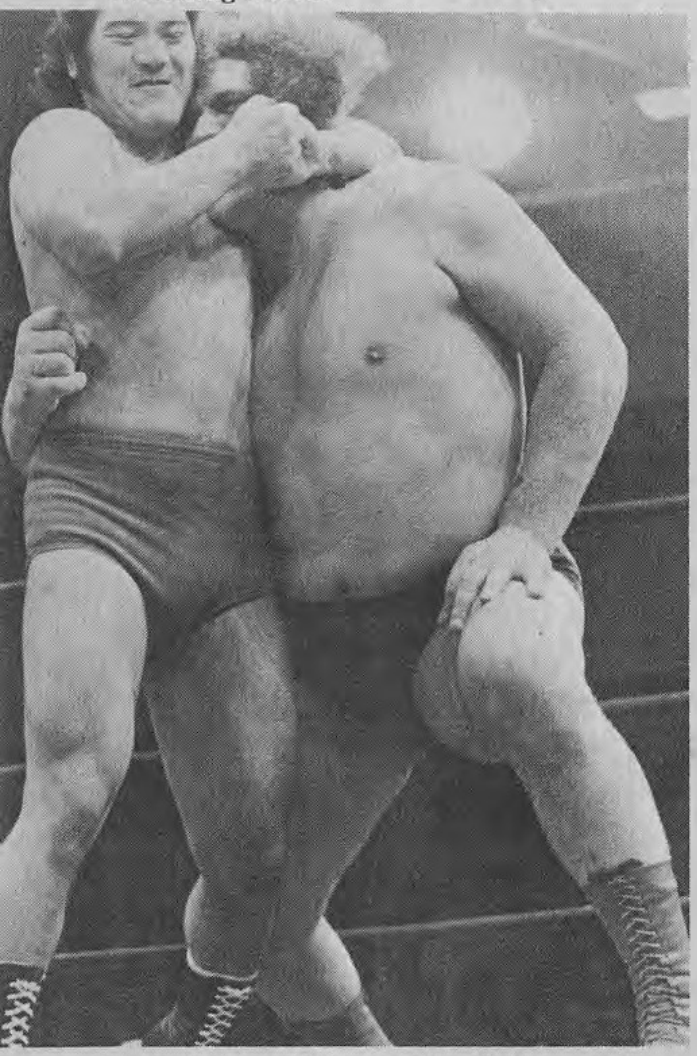
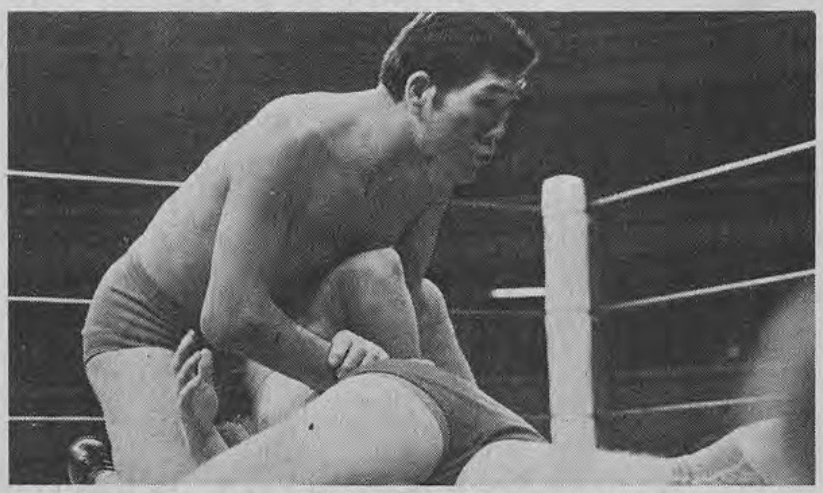
a free lance wrestler but last summer at Korakuen, he made a letter of formal participation in New Pro Wrestling open to the public. After one year and three months, again he became a member of one group. This shows how difficult it is to work as a free lance wrestler in Japan. By his joining, New Japan Pro Wrestling has formed a big trio of Inoki-Sakaguchi-Kobayashi while All Japan Pro Wrestling makes a splendid combination of Baba-Tsuruta-Destroyer. Meanwhile, International Pro Wrestling extends its power with Rusher Kimura as leader. The other day, Rusher Kimura sent Antonio Inoki a letter of challenge and urged Inoki to take up the glove "who is the strongest man in Japan?" This Inoki-Kimura match is the talk of the town. At any rate Antonio Inoki always creates a sensation among our wrestling world. •

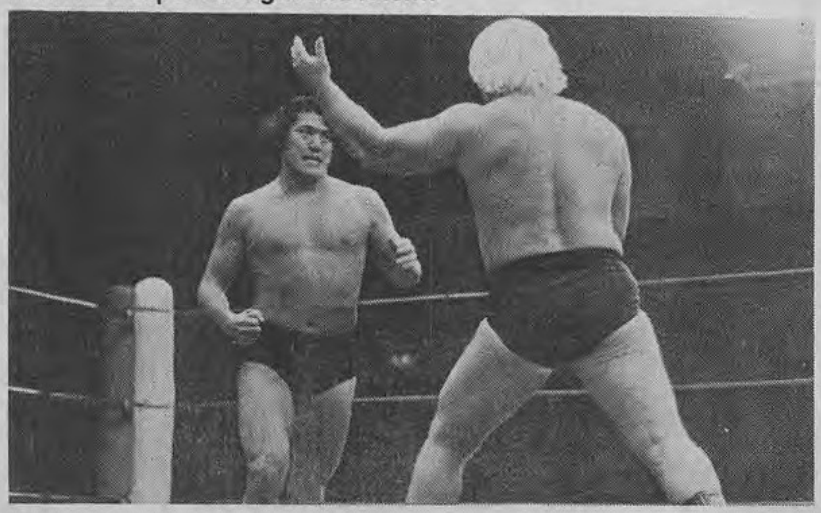
Kobayashi battled the Frenchman with intense fury from the opening bell but he simply could not match the strength of Andre The Giant.



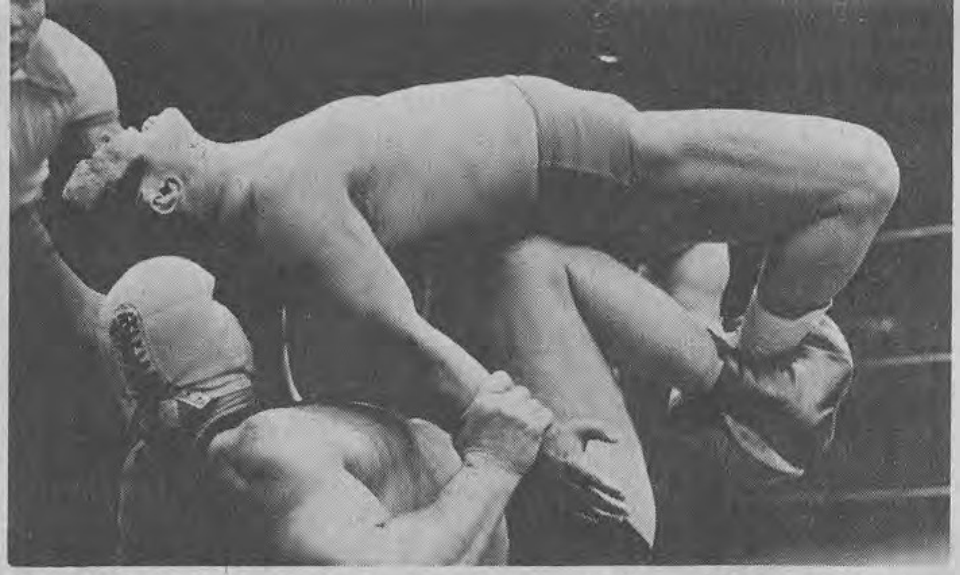
Strong Kobayashi is exceptionally large as Japanese wrestlers go but when facing a man like the Giant who is seven-feet, four inches, the popular son of Nippon is literally dwarfed in comparison.



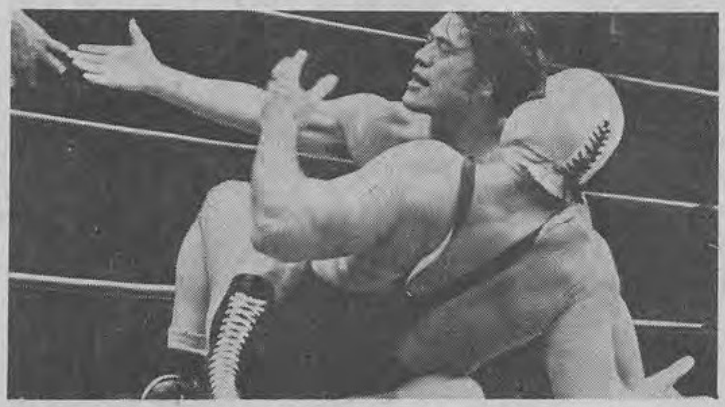
The Giant Baba, who held the NWA heavyweight title briefly last year, still is one of Japan's outstanding attractions being hailed as a man with super strength and talent.



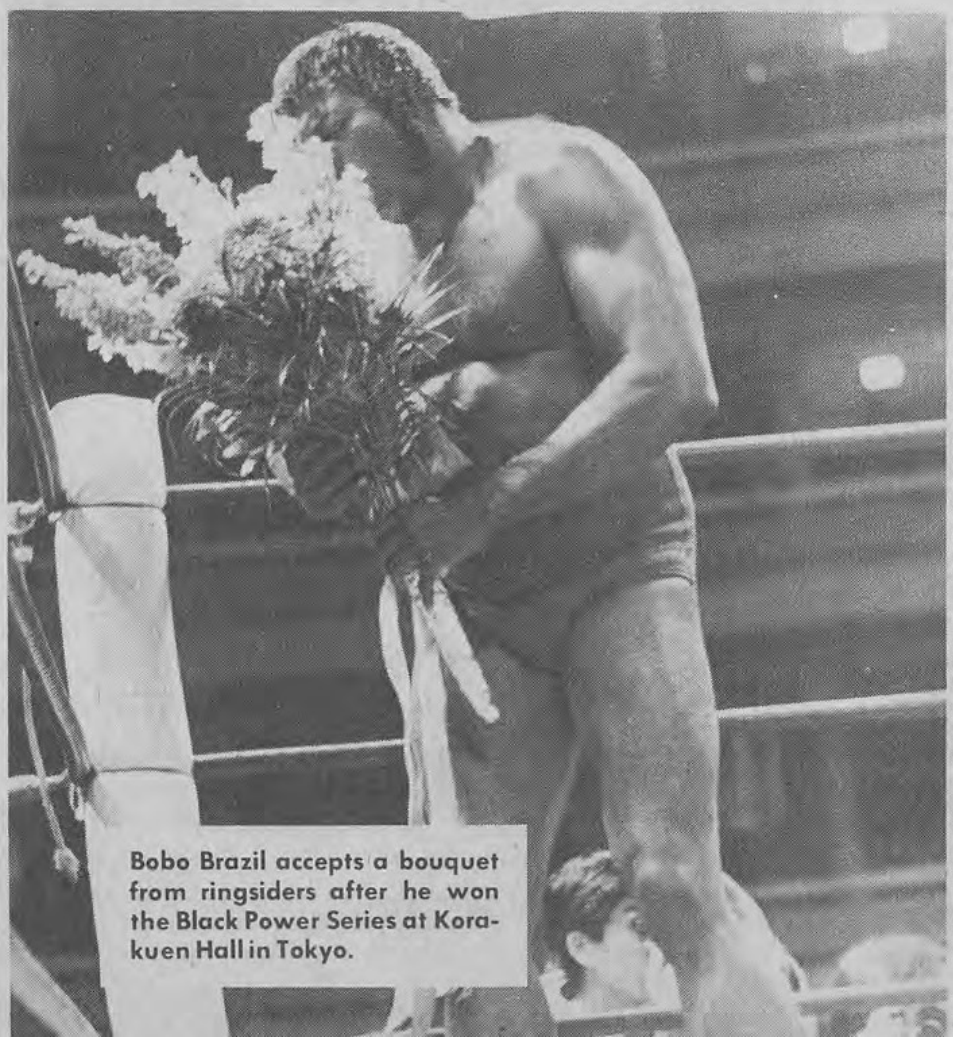
Antonio Inoki, who has been well received in North America, is called Bombshell Man by the fans in Far East and he shows why he earned that label as he squares off with Greg Valentine.



The Masked Gladiator seems to have Kantara Hoshino airborne with an improvised bridge, using his knees and feet.



This time it is Antonio Inoki in action with the Masked Gladiator and he has the hooded heavyweight in dire straits as he applies the pressure with a scissors hold.



Bobo Brazil accepts a bouquet from ringsiders after he won the Black Power Series at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo.

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Big John De Silva comes by his name honestly, carrying 252 pounds of solid muscle on a six-foot, four inch frame and has appeared successfully in every major wrestling center in the world.

WHEN "Big John" De Silva was a boy out in his native New Zealand he never dreamed that one day he would be a world famous professional wrestler. No one could ever have convinced him that he would be wrestling at London's Royal Albert Hall in the presence of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. But that is what has happened.

Big John De Silva
Wrestling's World Citizen With Plus Charisma

By Dave Cameron

John De Silva, descendant of the Maoris, one of the greatest fighting races on earth, overcame an early childhood illness to become one of the ring's most brilliant mat attractions.

As every wrestling supporter knows, it's the top amateurs who make the top professionals. John, six foot, four inches, 252 pounds of muscle-packed might, is one of the greatest amateurs ever produced in the Commonwealth country of New Zealand.

De Silva and pro footballer Angelo Mosca are a formidable tag team whenever their schedules permit them the luxury of getting together in the same ring.

Twice, in his amateur days, Big John represented his country against the top amateurs in the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. He might have been the Olympic Heavyweight Champion but he lost on points to the Russian entry at Melbourne in 1956.

Soon after competing in the Commonwealth Games in Cardiff in 1958, John joined the professional ranks. Later on English and German fans watched this huge panther-like professional pit his herculean strength against the finest ringmen in Europe and usually come out on top.

After many impressive victories over European heavyweights to his credit, John left his caravan home in Essex to try his luck in the United States and Canada. He managed to lure the American World Champion Buddy Rogers into the ring on three occasions, twice holding him to a draw and losing the third match.

Back in British rings, John was asked to face the greatest ever British Heavyweight, the great Indestructible Bert Assirati in a match at Bath. Although John didn't win this one, he gained valuable experience against one of the all time greats of the mat game. Assirati retired shortly after this match after a great career.

John next journeyed to India and Pakistan where he had fantastic matches with Dara Singh, Prince Kumali, and Argit Singh, and also found time to make an Indian film. Many of the Indian wrestlers are also employed as actors and film stars, but it was a completely new experience for John.

Big John returned to New Zealand with a great International record but he soon had itchy feet and headed for Singapore where he tangled with the Man Mountain of Asia, the late great King Kong.

While on this trip to Singapore, John was promptly challenged by Suraj Bhan. This challenge was for 1000 Singapore Dollars and was open to the first wrestler to beat him fairly in any style.

John promptly accepted the challenge and elected to wrestle Olympic rules. After 20 seconds the match was all over and John was 1000 dollars richer.

John is a great favorite in Australian rings and has made many journeys across the Tasman Sea. Over there he has tangled with all the top names of recent years including Freddie Blassie, Killer Kowalski, Mark Lewin, the late Skull Murphy, Ray Stevens, Roy Heffernan, Dominic De Nucci, Karl Cox and Spiros Arion.

John is also well known in Japan where he has appeared on several occasions. At this writing he is packing his bags ready to hit the Orient again to work for top Japanese wrestler and promoter "Giant" Baba.

In recent years, John hasn't strayed far from New Zealand and top class matmen have been brought in to meet him. Few fans here will ever forget the matches a few years back with Canada's Hercules Georges Gordienko. There was very little to separate this pair in their brilliant matches, which many fans believe to be the greatest contests ever seen in this country.

Over recent years, John has had a feud going with the notorious wildman from Sudan, Abdullah the Butcher. These matches have been real blood baths but have brought the crowds out in fantastic numbers.

It was certainly a great day for New Zealand wrestling when John decided to return from overseas and settle there. Always the perfect gentleman, on and off the mat, John still has many years of mat action in him. New Zealand fans certainly hope it will be many years before he finally decides to hang up his tights.

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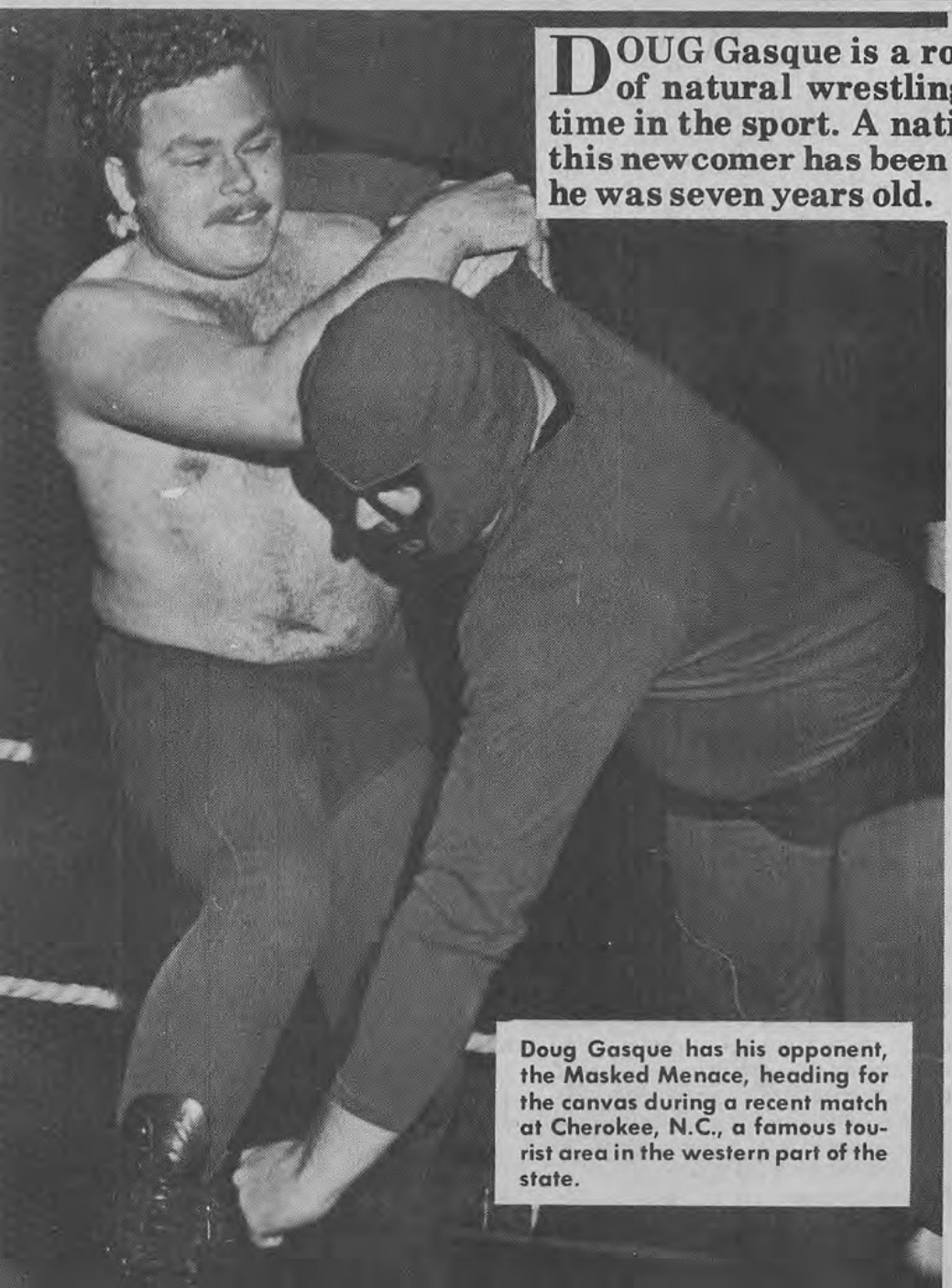
DOUG GASQUE

WALKING AD FOR MARINES BUILDING OF MEN

By Gene Gordon



Doug Gasque has his opponent, the Masked Menace, heading for the canvas during a recent match at Cherokee, N.C., a famous tourist area in the western part of the state.

DOUG Gasque is a rookie pro who shows loads of natural wrestling ability for such a short time in the sport. A native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., this newcomer has been intrigued by the mat since he was seven years old.

"It was always fascinating for me but I never got to see a live match until I was almost an adult. When I was 21 years old I decided to join the Marines. Then I weighed around 140 pounds soaking wet. My current weight is 220 pounds."

The training young Gasque received in the Marines helped him to develop his body and he still credits much of his success to an athletic instuctor, a former amateur wrestler who took a lot of time to teach him while in service.

While in the Marines, Gasque entered a tournament in Washington D.C. and finished as the runner-up.

"By this time, I was hooked," explained Doug. "More than ever I wanted to become a professional when I came out of service."

Following his discharge from the Marines, Gasque sought the advice of Hoss Strickland, a former wrestler who was now promoting in Anderson, S.C. Hoss let Doug work out with several seasoned pros just to see what he could do.

It was just one week later that Gasque made his pro debut in Hickory, N.C. in 1973.

"Naturally, I was very excited. I looked around at the crowd, heard the noise and the

strong ring lights overhead. I was happy to be there but it was still very new to me and I was obviously nervous."

Gasque's invasion into the pro ranks didn't find him going home a winner that night but he picked up invaluable experience and realized he had plenty to learn in the years ahead.

Gasque isn't a particularly big man compared to some of the superstars of today. His weight varies between 210 and 220 pounds but he has faced such men as 300-pound Big Tank Patton.

Doug has hit the road to improve his skills, appearing in Texas, Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas. Someday he hopes to settle in Myrtle Beach where he and his wife plan to build a home but right now Gasque is busy learning all the fine points of his chosen profession.

Like most of his contemporaries, Gasque is a stickler for top flight condition, making him extremely conscious of diet and exercise — which means plenty of running, handball, jogging and general calisthenics.

Doug is strong on high protein foods, especially thick steaks and plenty of milk, but he places a strong taboo on alcohol, tobacco and soft drinks.

Doug has developed a keen interest in judo and other forms of the martial arts. Gasque is certain he will gain more weight and as he does pick up experience, Doug's knowledge of the martial arts should enable him to use it to advantage against his opponents.

With only two years of experience behind him, the former leatherneck hasn't been able to avoid the occupational hazards of wrestling — namely injuries.

Gasque has suffered a back injury, rope burns, which have caused infections, a broken finger and fractured elbow.

"It's strange the way fans react against a wrestler. For instance, I wore a mask during the early part of my career, being billed as "The Red Raider". The crowd hated me then. There's a certain something about a mask that just naturally turns the crowd against you even if they have never seen you before in a ring.

"So I took off the hood....those fans get so wild, my wife worried about me. She always worried about the crowd hurting me much more than my opponent."

Gasque is getting plenty of work these days and when he isn't in the gym, he attends college classes in the daytime with the ultimate idea being to get a degree in law.

A former Marine, Doug built his weight up to 220 pounds during his service tenure and here he utilizes it to the fullest as he has the Masked Menace trapped in a head lock.

Gasque has only been a pro wrestler for two years but he is making fast strides toward reaching the top.

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"But I have no idea of giving up wrestling right now — I've still got plenty to learn," explained the curly-haired South Carolinian. "When I'm in the ring I'm happy. In wrestling you learn to out-think and out-smart the other guy's moves. I learned a lot just by watching the wrestling on TV, even before I ever saw a live match."

Here is a young man who has displayed a lot of determination to go with his natural ability. Doug Gasque appears to be a name worth remembering so jot it down on your roster of up and coming new faces blossoming across the mat horizon today. ●

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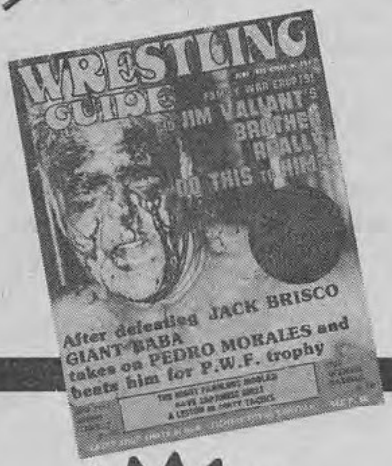

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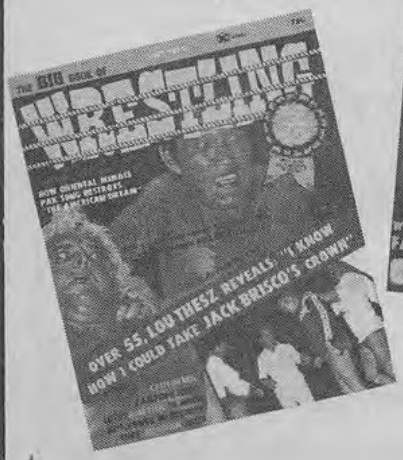

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So, I applied for a Duraclean dealership and I was accepted. I stayed with my job . . . ran a few ads . . . sent some mailings . . . contacted a few stores and told my friends about the superior services I was now equipped to give them. Evenings and Saturdays, I rendered the service. As the business grew, I added servicemen.

I found that I didn't have to develop a single idea myself. Every step had been prepared for me and pre-tested. Hundreds of other men had already proven my methods successful.

It didn't take long to see that I was making three to four times (yes, 3 to 4 times) as much per hour in my own business as in my printing job. So, after only seven months with a good following of customers, I quit my job to go full time on my own. In the meantime, I had enjoyed all this extra income on top of my salary.

Each day, we realized what a **serious** mistake not mailing that coupon would have been . . . and how that little act that seemed so trivial at the time actually changed our lives.

The steadily growing income brought us many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

This is not a business for a lazy man. But if a man is ambitious and will work to deserve those nice things in life we all want, this business is made to order for such a man.

I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it had brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped him get a quick start.

The company learned about this and had each new dealer in my section of Michigan spend a day with me. One day the president of Duraclean Company asked me how I would like to move to Headquarters and spend my entire time helping dealers to increase their sales and profits.

That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, conventions and dealer group meetings. But much of the time I am right here at my desk in touch with our dealers by letter and telephone.

Incidentally I sold my dealership at a good profit. Dealers sell their Duraclean businesses for up to ten times their cost. After 30 months, Leo Lubel sold for $7,116 above his cost. If for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain a service to locate buyers and help him sell.

Our job here at headquarters is to show each individual Duraclean dealer how to use his own abilities to bring him greatest success. I know hundreds of our dealers on a first name basis. We work together as one happy family. If you become a Duraclean dealer, I'll be as close to you as your telephone or mail box.

It's Easier than You Think To Build Your Own Business

If you've wanted to BE YOUR OWN BOSS... to become financially independent and have a fast growing income, now YOU CAN. And you own a Nationally Advertised business.

You can stay at your present job while your customer list grows . . . then switch to full time, lining up jobs for your servicemen to do. One job a day brings a good starting income.

If you hire two servicemen (full or part time) while you keep your job, the national price guide provides you a gross profit of $14 an hour on their work and this is much easier to do than you think. **We show you how . . .** step by step. That's $490 for a 35 hour week.

Your gross profit on three servicemen is $21 per hour. Duraclean dealers find it easy to gross $7 per hour on EACH serviceman plus $12 an hour on any service they themselves render. The 24 page illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes **clear net profit.** Your income is limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself . . . or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn . . . easy to start . . . so easy to service that women dealers do it. We prefer you have no experience . . . not have to "unlearn" old ways.

We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you **step by step** how to quickly get customers . . . and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 7 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

These are not ordinary services. You have the prestige and endorsement of leading furniture makers and carpet mills, of Parents' Magazine and McCall's, of Research and Testing Laboratories.

National magazine advertising explains superior merits of **your** services, builds **your** customer confidence and brings job leads to **you.**

We and a Duraclean dealer will train you and assist you. He'll reveal his successful, proven methods. You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Stores, upholsterers, insurance adjustors, and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. These year 'round services are in constant demand.

Start Small, Grow Big in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing . . . a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan . . . and those same men are now enjoying a Duraclean dealership in many communities. You don't experiment. You use **tested, proven** methods. You have **our backing and "know how."**

Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

You can start small and grow big. A third century ago Duraclean was an idea . . . but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service. Why did it spread? (1) **superior processes.** (2) **proven customer-getting methods** (3) **Day to day guidance from Headquarters.**

Our first service, the care of upholstery and carpets not only cleans, it enlivens the fibers . . . revives dull colors. Pile rises with **new life.** There's no harsh machine scrubbing. No soaking. Mild aerated foam lightly applied lifts out dirt, grease, many unsightly spots like magic. Furnishings are used again in a few hours.

Government figures show service businesses are growing faster than industries and stores . . . $750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your 6 other services are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

Less than $1500 establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

Men frequently take in partners.

We furnish electric equipment and, with first shipment, enough materials to **return your TOTAL investment.** If you have good habits and know the importance of customer satisfaction, you can likely qualify for a Duraclean dealership.

TODAY is the time to reserve a Duraclean dealership, **before** someone takes your location.

It's been said, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door." This could be that one rare opportunity in **your life.**

It is surprisingly easy to learn this business. You can decide from the information we will send you whether to apply for a dealership. So, with **no obligation whatever,** mail the coupon TODAY. Cut it out NOW so you won't forget to mail it.

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